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HISTORY
OF
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
AND
REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

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and attended the district schools of his locality and also the Williamsport High School for three years. He afterward took a six-months' course in the McCafferty Business College at Columbus. After completing the business course, he returned home and engaged in farming. He has since devoted his time to this occupation and is recognized as one of the leading young farmers of his locality. He is located on a part of the old homie place where he has erected a fine residence as well as a good barn and other necessary buildings.

Mr. Betts was married August 31, 1898, to Gertrude Adkins, a daughter of David and Christena (Runkle) Adkins, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. Betts has two children—Helen Genevieve and David.

Politically, Mr. Betts is a Democrat, and for the past eight years has been a member of the township Board of Education, having been elected a few days after his 21st birthday, and is the youngest member ever elected to serve in that capacity. At the expiration of his present term he will have served ten years as a member of the board. Mr. Betts is fraternally connected with Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., and Camp No. 4478, M. W. of A., of Williamsport, and of Circleville Lodge, B. P. O. E. He is a member as well as liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Williamsport, while Mrs. Betts is a member of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE W. LUTZ, who is one of the representative agriculturists of Pickaway township, owns a fine farm of 160 acres which he has placed under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Lutz was born in this township, February 25, 1850, and is a son of Ovid and Catherine (Lutz) Lutz.

Ovid Lutz, the father of George W., was a son of Peter Lutz, who came early to this part of Ohio and was engineer in the construction of the Newark and Dresden Canal. He died near Dresden. The family originated in Germany, but Peter Lutz was born in Penn-

sylvania. For many years Ovid Lutz was a resident of Pickaway township, Pickaway County, where he died in September, 1904, in his 84th year. He married Catherine Lutz, who still survives and lives with her son, George W. She is a daughter of Samuel Lutz, a pioneer of Salt Creek township, who was in his 102nd year when his life came to a close. Of the children born to Ovid and Catherine Lutz, three survive, namely: Martha E., wife of S. P. Bayard, who resides in Greene County, Pennsylvania; Samuel L., of Whisler, Ohio; and George W.

George W. Lutz was reared on the home farm in Pickaway township and was educated in the local schools, the schools at Kingston, and spent two terms at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. Although well equipped for almost any career, Mr. Lutz has always taken more interest in agriculture than in any other business and is looked upon as a prosperous farmer and successful stock-raiser of the township. His farm is well located and under Mr. Lutz's management produces abundantly. He has a comfortable farm home and his surroundings are all that could be desired.

On March 14, 1872, Mr. Lutz was married to Matilda Hoffman, who was born at Circleville, Ohio, where her parents resided. Her father died during the Civil War and her mother at a later date. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have three children, viz.: Nellie B., Cora and Josephine.

In political sentiment, Mr. Lutz is a Republican. He is not a member of any religious body, but he is a man of moral life and character and is always liberal in his support of religious agencies and educational enterprises. He is one of the township's good citizens.

ALLAN CAMPBELL McARTHUR. For many years the late Allan C. McArthur held a very prominent position among the agriculturists of Pickaway County, and was one of the capitalists and leading citizens of Circleville. Mr. McArthur was born March 4, 1854, at Chillicothe,

Ohio, and was a son of Allan Campbell and Olive (Whitney) McArthur, and a grandson of Ex-Governor Duncan McArthur, of Ohio.

The McArthur family was founded in America by emigrants from Scotland who settled here at an early day, bringing with them those habits of thrift and those sterling virtues which characterize, in large degree, the Scotch people wherever found. In Governor McArthur, Ohio had a distinguished and notable statesman. By degrees he arose from an humble station in life to be the chief executive of this great State, after having become prominent in military, business and social life. In 1793 he penetrated into the Scioto Valley, as chain-bearer in the surveying expedition under Gen. Nathaniel Massie, and still later acted as a scout prior to the treaty made with the Indians. Later he studied surveying with General Massie, became his assistant and helped in the laying out of the city of Chillicothe, at the same time investing in land in different portions of the State. In 1805 he was sent to the State Legislature from Ross County and in 1812 was elected to Congress. In the following year, having already been a leader in military operations, he was commissioned a brigadier general and served through the War of 1812, although it necessitated his resigning his seat in Congress. He was in command of the New York troops at Detroit when peace was declared and then returned home in the hope of giving attention to his private business affairs. However, in 1815 he was again sent to the Legislature and was re-elected in 1817, in the interim having been very conspicuous in the various treaties with the Indians, which were such important public events of those years. In 1832 he was again elected to Congress and served two terms and upon declining re-election was elected Governor of Ohio. His administration is still remembered with approval. When, at its close, he retired to private life it was with unsullied name and with the continued esteem of his fellow citizens. His beautiful home, near Chillicothe, was long known as "Fruit Hill Farm."

Allan Campbell McArthur, father of our subject, was reared at Chillicothe, where he

was a prominent practitioner of law for the greater part of his life and where he died in 1858. In many respects he resembled his distinguished father and these same noble virtues and amiable characteristics were inherited by the late Allan C. McArthur of Circleville. The mother of our subject was born in Cayuga County, New York, September 16, 1817. She survived her husband for many years, dying in 1884, in Pickaway County, where she owned a farm of 365 acres.

Allan C. McArthur, whose lamented death took place July 6, 1897, was six years old when his parents moved to Covington, Kentucky, where he attended school until the age of 15, when he went to De Witt County, Illinois, to visit a married sister and there remained until 1877. At this time he was called to Pickaway County in order to take upon himself the management of his mother's large property interests and here he remained until her death. In 1888 he purchased a large tract of land in Knox County, Tennessee, with the idea of making there a winter home, but the climate did not agree with the family and two years later he returned to Circleville.

Probably no estate in the vicinity of Circleville is better improved than that left by the late Mr. McArthur, who had devoted years to the careful tilling of the soil, to raising the very best cattle and stock and to beautifying and adorning his home here in every possible way. Stately buildings with appropriate settings and surroundings mark this as an ideal rural home. In addition to this valuable property, Mr. McArthur had large land interests in Ross, Scioto, Cook and other counties. He was always one of the enterprising, helpful men of this section, thoroughly in touch with its business and agricultural interests and representative of its very best citizenship.

In November, 1886, Mr. McArthur was united in marriage with Teresa Whitney, a daughter of William G. and Eley (Van Voorhees) Whitney, natives of New York and Kentucky, respectively. Mr. Whitney at the age of six years accompanied his parents in their removal to Portsmouth, Ohio, of which city he became one of the prominent business men.

being a large shipper of grain and owning his own boats for its transportation. To Allan C. McArthur and wife was born one child, Dorothy Whitney, who is a student of Mount Ida School, Newton, Massachusetts, class of 1906.

ELISHA WARNER, a prominent citizen of Pickaway County, who has been identified with the educational and agricultural interests of several townships and has served for many years as a justice of the peace, has been a resident of St. Paul, Madison township, since 1892. Mr. Warner was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 21, 1848, and is a son of Aaron and Hannah (Kerschner) Warner.

Aaron Warner was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was 15 years of age when he accompanied his parents to Fairfield County, Ohio. They settled near Amanda and spent the rest of their lives there. Aaron Warner learned the carpenter's trade, and was also a cabinetmaker and undertaker during his earlier years. He married in Pickaway County and in 1848 came with his wife to this county, where he followed farming, in Walnut township, and also did carpentering, until 1871, when he removed to Shelby County, Illinois, where his death took place on March 20, 1906, he being in his 86th year. Wherever he lived, he was a man held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens on account of his sterling traits of character.

Elisha Warner attended the public schools in Walnut township and then took a course of instruction at Fairfield Union Academy, at Pleasantville, Ohio, after which he took up teaching as a profession. From 1868 until 1888 he taught school in Pickaway County and during this time was principal of the Ashville School. His literary attainments were those of an educated man and led to his appointment as a member of the Pickaway County Board of School Examiners, on which he served for 13 years—from April, 1876, until July 31, 1888—during a portion of this time being president of the board. Mr. Warner was not sat-

isfied with his attainments, however, but devoted his spare time to the study of the law and in 1877 was admitted to the Ohio bar. He practiced locally for a time, while also engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1872 he accepted a position as teacher at Darbyville, to which town he removed from Walnut township. About three years later, he returned to Walnut township and later moved to Washington township, where he engaged in farming until 1882, when he settled in Madison township, where he has lived ever since. For nine consecutive years he has served as a justice of the peace in Madison township and still holds official position since becoming a resident of St. Paul. For nine years also he was a member of the Madison township School Board and was its president a portion of the time. From 1890 until 1904, Mr. Warner was in the employ of Aultman, Miller & Company, of Akron, Ohio, as traveling collector.

Mr. Warner married Sarah F. Peters, who was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, and is a daughter of the late Absalom Peters, of this township. They have seven children, namely: H. Famah, a teacher in the public schools; John P., a practicing dentist, at Canal Winchester, Ohio; Mary L., wife of C. B. Teegardin, of Madison township; Cecil E., a student of law; Bertha L.; Martha T.: a teacher; and Frederick L. Mr. Warner has given his children many advantages and several of them are well known educators of the township.

For many years Mr. Warner has been very prominently identified with Democratic politics in Pickaway County and on two occasions has been sent as a delegate from the county Democracy to State conventions. In 1878 he was his party's choice for county auditor. He is one of the county's representative men and has hosts of friends. His many years in official life have demonstrated his judicial qualities and there remains no doubt in the minds of his fellow-citizens that, if he had devoted himself exclusively to the law, he would have attained high place in that profession. Fraternally he is a Mason and belongs to Pickaway Lodge, No. 23, F. & A. M.



WILLIAM S. REBER, a prominent citizen and representative farmer of Pickaway County, who resides on his fine estate which comprises 583 acres of valuable land in Walnut township, belongs to an old Ohio family of prominence. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on the old homestead farm, on July 7, 1745, and is a son of Hon. James and Catherine (Stage) Reber.

The Reber family became known in Ohio when Valentine and Magdalena (Van Reid) Reber, the grandparents of William S. Reber, left their old Pennsylvania home and moved as early settlers to Fairfield County, Ohio. It was in 1805 that Valentine Reber purchased section 10, in Amanda township, in that county, settled on his property there and soon became one of the leading men of his neighborhood. In 1820 he was elected a member of the Ohio State Legislature, where he assisted in framing laws which are still in effect. His death took place in 1828. So well had he provided for his family that each one of his 13 children received a farm of 160 acres.

James Reber, father of William S. Reber, was born July 8, 1813, in Fairfield County. He was afforded excellent educational advantages, these including almost two years at the Ohio State University and a period at the Miami University. Poor health prevented his completing his course at the latter institution and induced him to visit the South in search of a more genial climate. His older brother, Dr. William Reber, was already established as principal of the Pearl River (Mississippi) Academy, and James accepted a position as instructor in this school, which he filled for 18 months. He returned to Pickaway County, much improved in health, and on October 20, 1835, married Catherine Stage. Mrs. Reber was a daughter of William Stage, who was born in Virginia, of Scotch descent.

After marriage, James Reber moved to Illinois, settling first in Piatt County but later removing to Macon County. There he entered upon the study of the law with Judge Treat and in 1840 was admitted to practice in all the Illinois courts. He acquired property and

followed farming to some extent. For eight years he served as judge of the Probate Court and as clerk of the Circuit Court for a considerable time. Mr. Reber then returned to Ohio and located in Walnut township, Pickaway County, evidently with the idea of devoting himself to agricultural pursuits. From this partial retirement he was called in 1863 to become a member of the Ohio Legislature and was returned for a second term. Mr. Reber's life was one possessing many interesting features and was so lived as to be an inspiration to those who came after him.

William S. Reber was an infant when he accompanied his parents to Illinois. Since his return to Ohio he has been a continuous resident of Pickaway County. His large estate is devoted to general agricultural and stock-raising operations. Mr. Reber is a director of the Second National Bank of Circleville.

In May, 1864, Mr. Reber enlisted in Company C, 155th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., when 18 years old and served under the command of Capt. Henry Peters and Colonel Sage.

On October 11, 1883, Mr. Reber was married to Elizabeth A. Oman, who was a daughter of Samuel H. Oman, and they have four children, viz.: May C., and Clara S., both attending school at Delaware, Ohio, being graduates of the Ashville High School; and Emma A. and Homer S., attending school at Ashville.

Mr. Reber and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee. The family home is a handsome brick residence which was erected by Mr. Reber's uncle in 1833.



SOLOMON ORLANDO SMITH, a popular citizen of Madison township, a member of the School Board and a substantial agriculturist, resides on his well-improved farm of 63½ acres, located in a desirable part of the township. He was born in this township, April 20, 1856, and is a son of Reuben and Eliza A. (Glick) Smith, grandson of Jacob Smith and great-grandson of John Smith, who estab-

lished the family in Pickaway County, coming here from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Smith was born in Pennsylvania and as a boy of 12 years accompanied his parents in 1808 to Madison township, Pickaway County. He helped clear the family homestead, engaged in farming and weaving and died in 1870. His wife was Mary Hall.

Reuben Smith was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and was here reared and educated. He married Eliza A. Glick, a member of a prominent township family, who died in January, 1897, aged 69 years. Of their children, all survive save one, the record being as follows: Mary C., deceased, who was the wife of William Plum; Minna L., wife of E. M. Teegardin, of Coffey County, Kansas; Jacob S., of Ashville; Sarah D., wife of W. H. Rohr, of Columbus; Minerva L., wife of J. J. Rohr, of Springfield, Ohio; Martin Luther, of Lancaster, Ohio; Solomon Orlando; Emma K., wife of W. D. Nothstine, of Madison township; Seymour M., of Duvall, this county; Addie F., widow of S. S. Smith, of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Elmer Elsworth, of Ashville; and Birdie V., wife of Lester E. Hickie, of Pittsburg.

Solomon O. Smith was reared in Madison township and was educated in the district schools. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits as a business, has performed his duties as a citizen and has reared a large family in comfort, having one of the happiest domestic circles to be found in the township. He was married March 30, 1882, to Catherine Crist, who was born in Franklin County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel Crist, who now resides in Madison township, Pickaway County. To Mr. Smith and wife have been born nine children, namely: Bessie C., wife of Charles H. Cromley, of Fairfield County, Ohio; and Edwin C., Clifton O., Ethel C., Ora E., Gladys K., Hugh M., Ralph L. and Dorothy M., all of whom live at home.

Mr. Smith gives a great deal of attention to the advancement of the interests of the public schools. He is now serving most efficiently as a member of the township School Board.

Politically he is a Democrat. He has won the reputation among his fellow-citizens of being an honest, fair, upright man and he enjoys their esteem and respect.

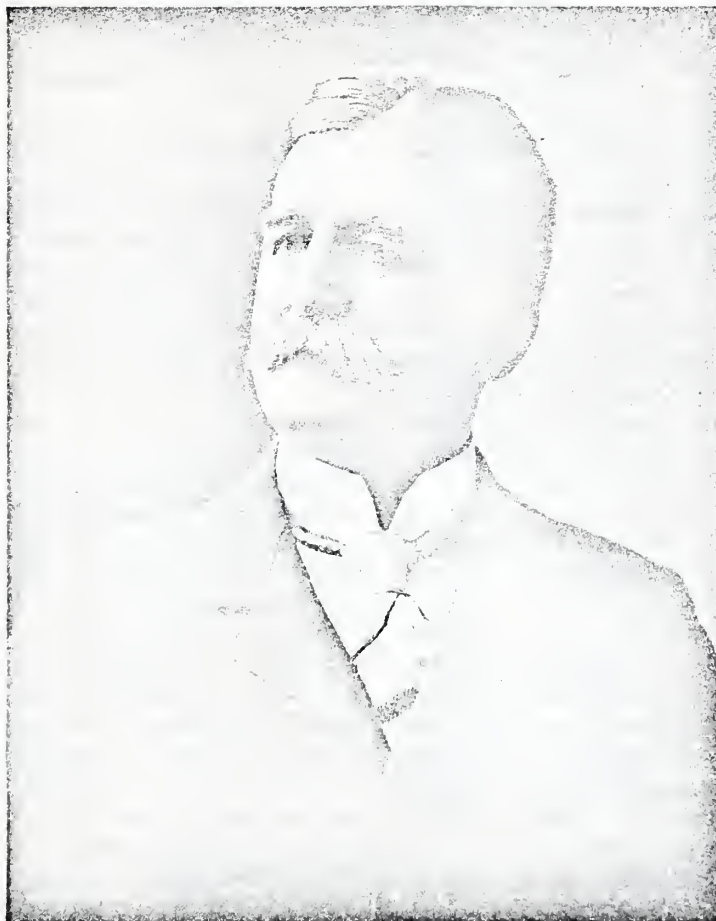


WILLIAM H. REED, a prominent farmer of Walnut township, township trustee and substantial citizen, owns a well-improved farm of 140 acres which is situated in section 2. This fine old farm was his birthplace, on July 17, 1859, and he is a son of William and Martha (Hall) Reed.

William Reed was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Ludwig Reed, who was probably of German extraction. At the age of 17 years, William Reed accompanied his father to Pickaway County and they settled in Walnut township. On reaching maturity, Mr. Reed married Martha Hall, a daughter of David Hall, and they had three children, namely: William H., of this sketch; Mary, who married Emanuel Oman, and died in Illinois, aged 21 years; and Alice, who married George Riegel and died at the age of 42 years. William Reed died in 1884, his wife having preceded him in 1875.

William H. Reed was reared and educated in his native State, enjoying most excellent advantages. For a time he attended the advanced schools at Lebanon and Delaware, Ohio, and also the Ohio Normal University at Ada. For some years he attended the summer normal schools and taught through the winter seasons, this course serving to make Mr. Reed one of the most intelligent, well-informed men of his locality and in various ways assisting him in carrying on his agricultural pursuits, as well as fitting him for the duties of a good citizen. He has served several terms on the School Board, greatly to the advantage of that body, and in 1898 was appointed township trustee to fill out the unexpired term of George Brinker, deceased. On the expiration of that term he was elected to that office on the Democratic ticket.

In 1884 Mr. Reed was married to Laura



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Knight, who was a daughter of Thomas Knight, of Tiffin, Ohio. They have had four children, viz.: Roy, a bright, manly lad, who died aged 12 years; Earl; Fern and Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Reed is well and favorably known and may justly be considered a representative citizen of his section of Pickaway County.



HON. SAMUEL W. COURTRIGHT, for five years judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Fifth Judicial District of Ohio, and one of the leading members of the Pickaway County

Bar, at Circleville, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, December 9, 1842, and is a son of Hon. Jesse D. and Sallie (Stout) Courtright.

Judge Courtright comes of Holland and Scotch ancestry and of a family which has been established in Ohio since 1801. Johannes Von Courtright, the great-great-grandfather, belonged to one of the old Knickerbocker families which came from Amsterdam and settled on Staten Island in the year 1623. Capt. Jesse Von Courtright, the great-grandfather, gained his title in the Revolutionary War. After its close he settled in Pennsylvania, at which time he became plain Captain Courtright. There his son, John Courtright, was born and later married Elizabeth Drake, a native of Scotland and a member of a family noted in that country's history. In 1801 John Courtright and family crossed the mountains to Fairfield County, Ohio, and purchased a tract of farming land near Royalton, which he later increased until he owned 2,100 acres. He made many improvements here, one being the erection at great expense of the first brick house in the county. He served in the War of 1812, and both he and his wife lived to advanced years.

Hon. Jesse D. Courtright, father of Judge Courtright, was born in Bloom township, Fair-

field County, Ohio, May 5, 1811, and was reared amid pioneer surroundings. In August, 1831, he married Sallie Stout, who was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and was a daughter of George Stout, an early settler and extensive farmer of this county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Courtright settled on a farm of 160 acres in Walnut township, which Mr. Courtright, in the course of time, increased to 2,000 acres. He became one of the leading men of his time and locality, serving in all local offices in the gift of the Democratic party—for more than 30 years as a justice of the peace—and for one term was a member of the State Legislature, declining a reelection. In 1870 he removed from his farm to Circleville, where he died three years later, February 22, 1873. His death was followed by that of his most estimable wife, in July, 1881. They had nine children. For years they were consistent members and liberal supporters of the Presbyterian Church.

Judge Courtright, like many of his associates on the bench and bar, was reared a farmer boy. From the district school he went to South Salem Academy, and in 1861 he began the study of the law with the late David M. Jones, at Circleville. In 1863 he was graduated at the Cincinnati College of Law at the head of his class, was shortly afterward admitted to the bar, and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession at Circleville. Very soon his ability was recognized and by the following spring he was urged for the office of city solicitor to which he was easily elected and to which he was subsequently re-elected in 1866. In October of the following year he was elected prosecuting attorney by the then largest majority ever given a candidate in the county, and was reelected in 1869. In April, 1875, he was elected a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Fifth Judicial District of Ohio and at that time was the youngest occupant of the bench in the State. His record during his five-year administration has ever since been a valuable asset, displaying as it did the soundness of his judgment, his full understanding of the law and the ready comprehension of the great questions that a

lawyer, almost more than any other professional man, must settle for good or evil, for right or wrong, in the different complexities of life. For many years his standing has been very high and his name is closely connected with the successful termination of many of the most important cases, which have come before the courts in this section of the State. In 1887 he was selected by the Supreme Court of Ohio, as a member of the commission to examine candidates for admission to the bar, and by annual reappointment served until 1892.

On December 14, 1865, Judge Courtright was married to Jennie R. Martin, daughter of Hon. Z. R. Martin, formerly mayor of Circleville and one of its most prominent citizens. Judge and Mrs. Courtright have three talented daughters: Florence B., the wife of E. F. Dunn, of Columbus; Jennie B., now Mrs. Clark K. Hunsicker, of Woodlyn; and Marguerite B., a senior in the High School. The family residence, which is one noted for its hospitality as well as its attractiveness, is situated on the corner of Union and South Court streets. In addition to this property, Judge Courtright owns considerable improved farming land, both in Pickaway and Fairfield counties.

Politically Judge Courtright is a Democrat and is a very prominent factor in his party. In the State military he has filled high official positions, serving from January, 1884, until January, 1886, as colonel on the staff of Governor Hoadly and again, on the staff of Governor Campbell, from January, 1890, until January, 1892. His fine bearing and manly presence made him a conspicuous and admired figure at all military manoeuvres during both these administrations. Personally he possesses the pleasant suavity and the cordial manner which mark the gentleman and at the same time the concentration and the dignity which become his profession. Judge Courtright has always taken a lively interest in the public schools and for years was president of the Board of Education. He has also served the people as a member of the City Council.

Judge Courtright is very prominent in fraternal life and has filled some of the highest

positions in the State in the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Knights of Honor organizations. He served as grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Ohio for three years, declining further service; was grand dictator of Ohio, and representative for three years to the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Honor; served for a quarter of a century as most excellent high priest of Circleville Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M.; is the possessor of elegant and valuable jewels, the gifts of grand bodies and of his brethren. Judge Courtright is and always has been a temperate man, for he has never drank a glass of any kind of intoxicants, never wagered a penny, or the value of one, never uttered an oath. He is a Presbyterian. His portrait accompanies this sketch, being presented on a preceding page.

ARTHUR McNEIL WIEGAND, one of the most prominent citizens of Harrison township, residing on a very valuable farm of 182 acres, was born November 4, 1865, at the Wiegand home in Harrison township, and is a son of Dill and Hester Ann (Chrisman) Wiegand.

Dill Wiegand, who was born in Germany, came to this country when 14 years old, settling in West Virginia and later removing, with Mr. McNeil, to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he lived for a period of nearly 50 years. At the time of his death at the age of 63 years, he left a large and a valuable estate, though a poor boy when he came to Pickaway County. He was one of those men ever ready to help a friend, especially those who had shown him favors when a struggling youth. He married Hester Ann Chrisman and they were the parents of five children: Sarah Jane; Virginia, deceased, who was the wife of T. Miller; Annie M., who married P. M. Gray; Mary M., deceased, who was the wife of J. F. Burgolt, and Arthur McNeil, the subject of this sketch.

Arthur M. Wiegand received his early education in the schools of Harrison township and in 1880 entered Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, where he remained until 1884, when

he returned to the farm and has since devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. The Wiegand farm is one of the most valuable farms in Harrison township. The family residence is a fine brick structure.

Mr. Wiegand was married March 2, 1887, to Rachel Bell, a daughter of Alexander C. Bell, a representative of one of Pickaway County's oldest and most distinguished families. Mr. Bell is president of the Third National Bank of Circleville and is one of the most substantial citizens of Pickaway County; though he has lived on a farm the greater part of his life, he has always been a leader in the business and financial affairs of the county. Mrs. Wiegand is a lady of education and refinement and is active in church work and causes of charity, and her life is largely devoted to making others happy. One child, a son, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiegand—Van Meter, born April 9, 1890, who is a student in the South Bloomfield schools.

Mr. Wiegand is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge at Circleville, and is also an Elk and a Knight of Pythias. He has been an extensive traveler both in the United States and in Europe. He is a man of excellent taste, distinguished manners, good education and is honored and respected by all whose privilege it is to know him.



WILLIAM FRANK RUDISILL, whose well-cultivated farm of 225 acres attracts attention from every visitor passing through Pickaway township, is one of the leading agriculturists of this section. He was born July 12, 1860, in Hancock County, Ohio, and is a son of Henry and Eliza (Kraft) Rudisill.

The Rudisill family came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and Henry Rudisill was 12 years old when he accompanied his parents to Pickaway County, when they settled on a pioneer farm in Washington township. Samuel Rudisill, the grandfather of William F., belonged to the early settlers and hardy pioneers, whose memory it is the duty of their descendants to preserve.

Henry Rudisill remained in Pickaway County from the age of 12 years until his marriage in 1849, and in the following year he removed to Hancock County, where he resided for many years. In 1894 he came back to Pickaway County and resided on his farm for a short time, but subsequently returned to Hancock County, where he had lived so long, and he and his estimable wife are now most highly esteemed residents of McComb. Henry Rudisill is 80 years of age and his wife is 77. Their large family of 12 children all survive, a remarkable testimonial to the vitality of the honored parents. The record of the family is as follows: Susanna, widow of Marion Harritt, living at McComb, Ohio; Sarah, wife of John Flick, of Hancock County; John H., of Circleville; Mary C., wife of M. D. Keel, of Hancock County; Leanna, widow of Frederick Burke, of Hancock County; Ada L., wife of John D. Pfingst, of Pickaway County; William F., of this sketch; Elizabeth J., wife of Nathaniel Hunterwork, of Hancock County; Matilda, wife of Augustus Heuberger, of Ashland County; Sherman, of Pickaway township; Perry, of McComb; and Archibald A., of Hancock County.

Henry Rudisill, during his active years, served as trustee in Blanchard township, Hancock County, also as constable and assessor, and for many years was a justice of the peace in Liberty township, Hancock County. He is one of the well-known citizens of Hancock County and for years was a leader there in the Republican party.

William Frank Rudisill was reared, educated and trained as a farmer in Hancock County, and continued to reside there until 1892, when he purchased his present farm in Pickaway township, Pickaway County. This he operates as a general farmer and as the land is fertile and his methods most excellent, he meets with very gratifying results. His farm lies along the Circleville and Adelphi turnpike, one of the much-used highways of the county.

Mr. Rudisill was married (first) in February, 1884, to Alice Aurand, who was born and reared in Hancock County. One daugh-

ter, Modie M., was born to this marriage. Mr. Rudisill was married (second), on October 19, 1891, to Sudie R. Hursh, who was born and reared in Hancock County. They have one son—Francis McKinley.

In politics, Mr. Rudisill is a Republican. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the lodge at Circleville. For many years he has been one of the leading members of the Morris United Brethren Church in Washington township, Pickaway County.



WILLIAM A. HULSE, a member of one of the old and prominent families of Jackson township, residing on his farm of 196 acres, situated on the Five Points turnpike, was born on the Hulse homestead on the old State road, in Jackson township, November 18, 1859. He is a son of James R. and Eleanor (Stipp) Hulse.

The Hulse family is of German extraction and it was founded in Ohio by the grandfather, James R. Hulse, Sr., a wheelwright by trade, who was born in Orange County, New York, came here in 1841 in young manhood and married Rebecca Van Meter. She was able to provide the capital with which her husband bought land and stock and which resulted in the family becoming very wealthy, through Mr. Hulse's good management. At death he left an estate comprising 3,000 acres of land. He was twice married. By his first marriage there were nine children and by his second marriage two.

James R. Hulse, father of our subject, was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 20, 1828, and spent the whole of his life as a farmer in this township with the exception of the years 1860-61, which he passed in Ross County, Ohio. He owned a number of fast horses and for a number of his later years was interested in racing them. He died on the old homestead on September 6, 1899. He inherited 800 acres from his father's estate. He was a stanch Democrat and for a number of years he served as town-

ship clerk and trustee, holding the latter office at the time of his death. He was a well-informed man, a genial, generous one, and was well acquainted all over the county. He married Eleanor Stipp, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, April 2, 1826, and is a daughter of Henry and Sarah Stipp, both natives of Virginia, who came as pioneers to Ross County. The children of James R. and Eleanor (Stipp) Hulse were: Henry Socrates, of Circleville; Van Meter Stipp, of Jackson township; James Reeves, of Jackson township; William A., of this sketch; and Sarah Rebecca, Stephen Arnold Douglas, Mary and George, all deceased. The venerable mother resides with our subject, who is unmarried.

William A. Hulse was reared in Jackson township and was educated in the common schools. He has always been interested in farming and stock-raising and carries on large operations on his well-improved farm, which is a part of the old Hulse homestead. He raises fine stock but makes grain growing his main feature. He does not take any very active interest in politics, but votes with the Democratic party.



SEYMOUR THOMAS, cashier of the First National Bank of New Holland, and a prominent business man of the town, was born in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on May 22, 1867. He is a son of Jackson and Christiana (Reeves) Thomas, and a grandson of William Thomas.

The family was founded in Pickaway County by the grandfather. Jackson Thomas, the father, was born in Monroe township, where he passed his entire life, being a prosperous farmer and prominent and most highly respected citizen. For a period of six years he served as county commissioner and on many occasions was elected to township offices. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Christiana Reeves, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and was a daughter of the late Josiah Reeves, of Perry township. Of the five children born to Jackson and Christiana

(Reeves) Thomas, but two survive, these being: Loton F. and Seymour.

Seymour Thomas was reared in his native township, where his primary education was secured and later he completed a course at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. Mr. Thomas, on completing his collegiate training, removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he filled a position as bookkeeper with a large business concern and then returned to the home place, where he remained for 13 years. After leaving the farm he removed to New Holland and accepted his present position as cashier of the First National Bank. He is a man of large means and wide acquaintance and has made a very popular official of this financial institution. He still retains possession of his two excellent farms, one of these being located in Monroe and the other in Perry township.

In 1894 Mr. Thomas was married to Ida Swain, who was born at Kansas City, Missouri, and is a daughter of Alfred Swain. They have two children—Lizzie and Georgia.

In political sentiment, Mr. Thomas is a Democrat. He has acceptably filled a number of local offices on various occasions and is known to be a public-spirited, reliable citizen. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal relations are with Sterling Lodge, F. & A. M., with the Order of the Eastern Star and with the Odd Fellows lodge at Circleville.

JOHN LEWIS STRIBLING, superintendent of the Circleville Light & Power Company, was born at Circleville in July, 1857, a son of Dr. N. W. and Anna (Crouse) Stribling.

The father of Mr. Stribling was born in Virginia and came to Ohio prior to his marriage to Anna Crouse, who was born in Circleville. Dr. Stribling was a well-known citizen during his lifetime.

John L. Stribling was reared and educated in his native city. After leaving school he worked for three years in a leather store and

then was with the Martin Brothers grocery house for two years. In 1877 he entered the employ of the Circleville Gas Light & Coke Company, with which he has been identified ever since. In January, 1884, certain capitalists built the incandescent electric light plant to run in opposition to the Circleville Gas Light & Coke Company and the competition continued until 1892, when the latter organization purchased the electric light plant and installed the arc light plant, consolidating and incorporating the business with Howard Jones as president; Frank C. Hubbard, a capitalist of Columbus, as vice-president; Howard B. Moore as secretary and treasurer; and J. L. Stribling as superintendent. For this position he is thoroughly fitted and the larger part of his time is devoted to his important duties in this connection.

In March, 1902, Mr. Stribling was married to Mrs. Maggie Hurdle. His fraternal relations are with both the lodge and encampment, I. O. O. F., Independent Order of Foresters, Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was reared in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

OLIVER PERRY BRINKER, a respected farmer of Walnut township, residing on a fine estate of 157 acres in section 25, was born in the township named on December 31, 1852. He is a son of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Knight) Brinker, prominent in the agricultural community of the eastern section of Pickaway County, his father at the time of his death being the owner of about 300 acres of land in Walnut township and 400 acres in other townships. As the name implies, the family is of good old German stock.

Oliver P. Brinker was trained to habits of homely industry and honesty and, as a farmer's son, received a limited education in the district schools. When he reached manhood, he was well qualified to take his place of useful labor in the township which has always been his home.

On February 26, 1879, Oliver P. Brinker was united in marriage with Josephine Blacker, a daughter of Henry Blacker, and they are the parents of two children. Dennis, the elder, married Zora Peters, a daughter of John Peters. Della, the younger, married Robert Peters, son of Rev. Robert W. Peters, of Walnut township; her husband and her brother are in partnership in the hardware business at Ashville. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brinker have one child—Ethel—and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters have also a daughter—Helen. Oliver P. Brinker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee, and altogether is an honored and substantial member of his native township.

VICTOR R. DUVALL, who was one of the well-known and highly esteemed citizens of Madison township, was born in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on February 15, 1839, and died August 15, 1905. He was a son of Andrew and Cynthia A. (Love) Duvall, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

Victor R. Duvall was a lad in years when his parents removed from Harrison to Madison township, and he grew to manhood on the home farm, not far from St. Paul, where he went to school. He had his own way to make in the world, in large degree, and proved himself industrious and worthy under all circumstances. His whole life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and his widow still resides on a valuable farm in Madison township, the whole estate consisting of 145 acres, which was secured by his excellent management during his active years.

On July 16, 1865, Mr. Duvall was married to the estimable lady who survives him, Maranda R. Fisher, who was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 13, 1842, and is a daughter of Hiram and Mary (Hott) Fisher.

Hiram Fisher, father of Mrs. Duvall, was born in Virginia and in infancy was brought by his parents to Pickaway County, the family

being among the pioneer settlers of Madison township, where Hiram Fisher died, in his 83rd year. Of his children, three survive, namely: Christeen A., who resides with her sister, Mrs. Duvall; Maranda R., widow of Victor R. Duvall; and Peter H., of Ashville. David is deceased. Hiram Fisher was a well-known and valued citizen of the township, in which he served several years as constable. He was so highly thought of in his neighborhood as to be affectionately called "Uncle Hiram."

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Duvall were: John W., of Columbus; George H., of Ashville; Mary F., wife of Clifford Decker, of Madison township; Harley H., of Madison township; and William A. and Chrissie E., at home.

Mr. Duvall was a consistent member, as is his widow, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Ashville. In his younger years he was a member of the Odd Fellows and attended the meetings of the lodge at Ashville. Politically he was a Democrat. He was a kind husband and loving father and in him his neighbors ever found a helpful friend.


JOHAN L. MAY, whose extensive farm of 175 acres is all in one body and is located in section 35, Walnut township, was born in this township, October 13, 1860, and is a son of George J. and Mary (Heim) May. The early history of the May family may be found elsewhere in this work, in the sketch of Milton Franklin May.

John L. May was reared and educated in Walnut township and has resided on the same farm since he was 16 years of age. To those whose fate compels a yearly removal to a different home, this fact is very suggestive of peace and comfort and doubtless Mr. May looks upon it in that way. He has been identified with the business and agricultural interests of Walnut township almost all his mature life. For five years he ran a grocery store at East Ringgold, where he was also postmaster, but he sold out this store in 1893. Until January

1, 1906, he kept out of the grocery business but on that date, in association with his brother Lyman, he again became interested at East Ringgold, his brother operating the store. Mr. May buys and sells hogs, sheep and wool and devotes the larger part of his farm to the raising of hogs. His land is well improved and in 1900 he erected what is considered the finest barn in the township. For a number of years Mr. May has also been agent for the Ohio Farmers' Fertilizer Company.

On November 24, 1887, Mr. May was married to Emma J. Snyder, who is a daughter of Dildine Snyder, a sketch of whom will be found in this book. Mr. and Mrs. May have four children, all of whom survive, namely: Ralph E., Walter W., Alva D. and Virgil G.

Mr. May is a Democrat and has always been more or less prominent in party matters in the township, serving as constable for four years, when but 21 years of age. In the fall of 1905 he was elected a justice of the peace, in the administration of the duties of which office he has administered to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In religious belief Mr. May is a Methodist, belonging to the East Union Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. May and son Ralph E. are members of the Nebraska Grange at Nebraska.

RANCIS J. PETERS, one of the efficient members of the School Board of Madison township, and a well-known agriculturist and breeder of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, resides at St. Paul and owns a fine farm of 135 acres in Madison township. He was born in this township on August 22, 1848, and is a son of William L. and Susanna (Hoffhines) Peters.


John Peters, the grandfather of Francis J., was one of the very early settlers in Madison township. William L. Peters, the father, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and accompanied his parents in early life to Madison township, where he was reared and

became a very well-known citizen, holding many of the local offices at various times. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Susanna Hoffhines, who was born at Hagerstown, Maryland.

Francis J. Peters was reared in Madison township, attended the schools in his native neighborhood and later engaged in teaching in this township for a number of years. He has always been more or less interested in agriculture and for a number of years has been breeding fine Jersey cattle.

On September 21, 1876, Mr. Peters was married to Mary J. Cromley, who was born in Madison township, and is a daughter of the late John Cromley and his wife, Rachel C. Teegardin. Mrs. Cromley still survives, a highly esteemed resident of Madison township. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have these children: Ansel V., George T., Lawrence E., Homer F. and Watson E.

Mr. Peters has been a life-long Democrat and has frequently been chosen by his party for important local offices. For a number of years he has been township trustee, for two terms has been township clerk and is serving his first term as a member of the township School Board. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has been prominent in Masonic affairs in his part of the county, being a charter member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Canal Winchester, Ohio, and an honorary member of the Chapter at Circleville. On July 3, 1906, he was elected president of the Ashville Banking Company, a new bank organized on that date with a capital of \$50,000. Mr. Peters is recognized as one of the township's reliable, substantial citizens.

AMES R. HOTT, whose family has been identified with the best interests of Scioto township for the past 65 years and who himself is one of the most substantial agriculturists and progressive public men of the county, was born about one mile southeast of his present

residence February 2, 1861. He owns a valuable farm of 194 acres, and not only raises corn, wheat and clover, but cattle, hogs and horses. James R. Hott is a son of George W. and Matilda (Robison) Hott.

George W. Hott was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1836. With the exception of four years that he lived in Circleville and two years that he lived in Ashville, he resided in Scioto township all his life. He finally died at Ashville in October, 1898, at the age of 63 years. His widow resides at that place, aged 68 years. Besides James R., there was one other child in the family—Flora C., who is now the wife of James C. Welch.

George Hott, the paternal grandfather, who was a native of Pennsylvania, removed from that State and first located in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, but about 1849 settled in Scioto township. The maternal grandfather, Isaac Robison, was an Irish farmer who came to Pickaway County when a young man, gave Robtown its name and died there, after a residence of many years. His wife, the maternal grandmother of our subject, died in 1845.

James R. Hott received his education at Robtown in the township schools and when 17 years of age commenced farming and his long, active, practical and useful career as a working member of his home community. With the exception of about six years when he worked at the carpenter's trade, he has been engaged in agricultural labors ever since. Born February 2, 1861, Mr. Hott was married in January, 1889, to Katie B. Rhoads, daughter of George W. and Amelia Rhoads. Two children were born to this union, namely: Hazel M., and Clarence Turney, both students in the Ashville High School.

Mr. Hott is an active and influential Democrat, having repeatedly served as a delegate to county conventions. He has served on the Scioto township School Board for the past 12 years. As a citizen or farmer he holds an unsailable place in the general esteem of the community and the county, with which his own life and the careers of his ancestors have been so substantially intertwined.



EDWARD C. RECTOR, a representative agriculturist of Pickaway County, the owner of a valuable farm of 350 acres, located in one body in Deer Creek and Wayne townships, was born on this farm August 31, 1872. He is the only son of George B. and Isabel (Campbell) Rector.

The Rector family was founded here by the grandfather, Edward Rector, who was a native of Virginia. The Campbell family is also a very old one in Pickaway County; the maternal grandfather of Edward Rector, Robert Campbell, was born here December 2, 1824, and married Nancy Hanson, who lived on the old Bennett farm in Deer Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell settled in Wayne township and they reared these children: Barbara, Isabel, Robert, Samuel, Nannie, Nellie and Emma. Robert Campbell married (second) Rebecca S. Westenhaver, of Westfall, and the children of this marriage were: Fannie, Jessie, Wilda, Ollie, Frank, Grace and White. Later Mr. Campbell removed to Kinderhook, where he became postmaster and station agent and lived for 10 years, one of the most highly respected citizens of that place. Later he retired to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rector, and still is in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Mr. Campbell is one of the oldest residents of Pickaway County and has been one of the most useful. For a number of years he served as president of the Pickaway County Agricultural Society and has held many of the important township offices. He is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edward C. Rector has been an agriculturist all his life and operates his large farm with very satisfactory results. He is one of Deer Creek township's leading citizens, is president of the Board of Education and a promoter of all the movements which promise to benefit this section—the maintaining of good roads and the introduction of fine breeds of stock as well as the encouraging of educational and religious advancement. He is one of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his neighborhood.

In 1899 Mr. Rector was married to Eliza-



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beth Metzger, who is a daughter of Charles Metzger, of Ross County. They have three children, viz.: Dwight, George B. and Gwendolen. Mr. Rector is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus. He belongs also to the Elks.

ARCHIBALD WHITESEL, a prominent citizen and representative farmer of Salt Creek township, whose fine farm of 182½ acres is situated near Tarlton, was born in this township, February 4, 1836. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Thomas) Whitesel.

Among the old settlers of Salt Creek township, the Whitesel family stands among the foremost. It was established here by the grandfather of our subject, Nicholas Whitesel, who came to Ohio when his son Jacob was 18 years old. The latter spent his long life in Salt Creek township. He was born in Virginia and possessed many of the qualifications for good citizenship which may be noted in natives of the Old Dominion. In early manhood he was a Whig in his political sentiments but later became identified with the Republican party. As a man of reliability and stability, many of the township offices were open to him, but he accepted only that of trustee and possibly that of school director. He married Elizabeth Thomas, who was born in Pennsylvania and they had five children, the three survivors being: Elizabeth, a resident of Tarlton; Archibald; and Maria, wife of Israel Dum, of Fulton, Kentucky. Jacob Whitesel died in 1871. He was a trustee and class leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Archibald Whitesel grew to manhood on the home farm in Salt Creek township and has never separated himself from an agricultural life. He obtained his education in the schools of his native township and the Circleville Union School, and practically applied his knowledge by teaching for four terms in both Pickaway and Fairfield counties. He is one of the best-informed men in his locality as well as one of the most successful farmers.

Mr. Whitesel was married (first), in October, 1868, to Margaret Robinson, who was a native of Ross County, Ohio. On May 24, 1893, Mr. Whitesel was married (second) to Ozilla E. Bussert, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jacob H. and Mary (Armstrong) Bussert. Her mother was born in Hocking County, Ohio, and the father in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, a son of William Bussert, one of the early settlers of the township. When Mrs. Whitesel was nine years old, her parents moved to Livingston County, Illinois, where she was reared and educated. In 1893 she returned to Ohio, where she was soon married to Mr. Whitesel.

Both Mr. Whitesel and wife are active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Whitesel is president of the board of trustees and a very dependable factor in both its material and benevolent activities. Mrs. Whitesel owns a fine farm of 135 acres in Livingston County, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Whitesel are well known through their section of the county as hospitable entertainers and they have many pleasant social ties at Tarlton. Their portraits accompany this sketch.

MILTON WESLEY PECK, proprietor of a fine farm of 114 acres in Wayne township, and closely identified with its public administration, was born December 6, 1851, in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, within six miles of where he now lives. He is a son of John J. and Matilda (Hurst) Peck, both natives of Pickaway County. His grandfather, Henry Peck, who was a Virginian, came hither from his native State, becoming a resident of Pickaway County in 1811 after his marriage. He was accompanied by his father, George Peck, the great-grandfather of our subject. Henry Peck purchased a tract of land in Deer Creek township and in Ross County, Ohio. He and his wife had a family of nine children, of whom John J., the father of our subject, was the youngest. In time the

latter bought all the land owned by his father in Pickaway and Ross counties. John J. Peck died in Ross County in 1904, and was buried in Deerfield township cemetery; his wife, the mother of Milton W., had passed away in Pickaway County, as early as 1855.

On the 21st of October, 1875, Milton W. Peck was married to Mary Albright, daughter of Francis and Frances Albright, and 12 children were born to them; of these five are dead and the following alive: J. Francis, who married Osa Warner and is the father of a daughter—Marjorie; Ward H., Blanche P., Ferne, Audre, Garnett and Milton Carr, all living at home.

Mr. Peck is practically identified with the township government, having served as trustee and being at present a member of the Board of Education. As to the fraternities, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. Both he and his wife are active and stanch adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

LEVIN CORKWELL, whose 240 acres of fine farming land are situated in Monroe township, belongs to one of the old pioneer families of the State, which was established when all Central and Northern Ohio was yet a wilderness and wild animals and Indians were plentiful. Mr. Corkwell was born on the last day of May, 1836, in a rough log cabin, which was the family home at that time, situated in a little clearing in Ross County, Ohio, his parents being Benjamin and Charlotte (Evans) Corkwell.

The parents of our subject were among the first white children born in Ross County and the father had also the distinction of being, before his death, the oldest continuous resident of the county.

As nearly as can be traced, the Corkwell family belonged originally to England and it is supposed that the great-grandfather emigrated thence to Maryland, most probably in boyhood. He met his death by drowning. His son Henry, our subject's grandfather, was

born in Maryland and married there and he and his young wife started to keep house on a pioneer farm in Ross County, Ohio, when all this section of the State was still full of the tragedy of Indian warfare. The father of our subject frequently recalled his anxious boyhood when every unwonted sound aroused fears of an Indian outbreak. His early recollections of Chillicothe were of a village about the present size of Five Points. Henry Corkwell appears to have been a man of industry and business capacity for he acquired much land and left an impress upon the community. His children inherited some 300 acres in Ross County. Among them were Amelia, William, Henry, Levin and Benjamin.

Benjamin Corkwell was born in 1806, in Ross County, Ohio, and died in Monroe township, Pickaway County, in 1876. He was twice married. His first wife, Charlotte Evans, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, left him eight children, viz.: Nancy, Henry, Amelia, Sampson, Benjamin, James, Mary and Levin. She was married when 16 years of age and died at the age of 32. Later, Benjamin Corkwell married Mary Noble and they had seven children, namely: Charity, George, Elizabeth, Elijah, Thomas, William and Winfield. Of this second family, all survive except William, who died young. Of the first family, Nancy, Henry, Amelia and Benjamin are deceased. Benjamin Corkwell purchased land on Deer Creek, partly cleared, for which he paid \$16 per acre. At the time of his death he had a farm of 550 acres in Pickaway County.

Levin Corkwell went to school in an old log house near his father's farm in Ross County, and accompanied his father, when 13 years old, to Pickaway County. He assisted until his marriage and subsequently, in clearing and cultivating the 160-acre farm which his father had bought along Deer Creek. After his marriage he and his wife started housekeeping in a rough, log cabin which stood on the farm when his father bought it, but later purchased the present farm of our subject, the first purchase being one of 130 acres and the second one of 110 acres. Here Mr. Corkwell has lived ever since, has developed a fine property, has reared an honorable family and has as-

sisted in establishing the good roads and building the fine schoolhouses for which Monroe township is noted throughout Pickaway County. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the organization known as the Monroe Township Protective Association.

On October 4, 1860, Mr. Corkwell was married to Margaret Elizabeth Hennis, who was born March 1, 1844, in Ross County, Ohio, and has resided in Monroe township since she was six years old. Her parents, William and Mary Jane (Noble) Hennis, were natives of Ross County. Her paternal grandfather, John Hennis, came with his wife Margaret from Maryland and settled at an early day in Ross County. Her maternal grandparents, Caleb and Elizabeth (Miller) Noble, were also early settlers in Ross County. Mrs. Corkwell had one brother, William, who married Flora Almon. He served two years in the Civil War and survived its dangers but died shortly afterward. The father of Mrs. Corkwell died when she was a babe of 16 months. Her mother married again, becoming the wife of Martin Bowman, and they had a family of eight children, those who survived infancy being: Mary (Reichelderfer); Sarah (Baker); Christina (McCafferty); Martin, who married Louise Hosler; and Ida (Prudent). Mrs. Corkwell was reared on an adjacent farm to the one on which Mr. Corkwell grew up.

Mr. and Mrs. Corkwell have had seven children, as follows: Charlotte, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. William Dick, a physician at Columbus; Abner Ross and Charles William (twins), who died aged nine months; George, who married Ella Pherson and at his death left his widow and one daughter, Lillie, who resides at Pherson; Josie, who married Stanton Adkins and has a pleasant home near Five Points; Artimethy, who died in infancy; Minnie, deceased, who was the wife of William Crabbel and the mother of two children—Howard and Goldie.

CHARLES EVERETT DICK, our subject's grandson, has been a resident of Pickaway County for 14 years. His mother, Mrs. Charlotte (Corkwell) Dick, died at Columbus when

he was nine years old. His father, Dr. William Dick, was born in Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio, studied medicine at Starling Medical College, Columbus, where he was graduated in the class of 1888. Dr. Dick is a well-known practitioner at Columbus. In 1895 he took a special course at New York and has an established reputation in his profession. To his marriage with Charlotte Corkwell were born two children—Charles Everett and Glennie Florence. The latter was born in 1884, at Mount Sterling and died February 12, 1902, her death following closely that of her mother, which occurred at Columbus, December 7, 1901.

Charles Everett Dick was born on his grandfather's farm in Monroe township, later accompanied his parents to Mount Sterling and still later to Columbus, where he enjoyed the advantages offered by the city public schools. The death of his mother, however, caused his return to his grandfather and he completed his education in the graded schools at Five Points. Since his marriage, Mr. Dick has resided on his grandfather's farm of 110 acres, managing both this and his grandfather's home farm.

On October 9, 1902, Mr. Dick was married to Jennie Alice Miller, who was born in 1884 in Darbyville, and is a daughter of Dr. J. A. and Theresa (Miller) Miller. Dr. Miller's children were: William A., who died in 1904; Jennie (Mrs. Dick); Edna Pauline; and Marianna Laura. Mrs. Dick graduated at the Darbyville High School in the class of 1901 and is a lady of education and social acquirements. Mr. Dick has always been active in the Republican party and in 1904 he was elected clerk of Monroe township, his popularity being shown by his nomination to office before he had attained his majority.



WILLIAM MADISON HOOVER, who has resided on his present homestead in Harrison township, for more than 40 years, is the owner of a farm of 121½ acres about two and one-half miles northeast of Ashville, on Walnut Creek. Until 1903 he was

actively engaged in farming, and was one of the leading hog-growers of Pickaway County, but is now chiefly engaged in the sale of fertilizers and wire fencing. The homestead, which was originally settled by a Mr. Cummings, was purchased by our subject's father in the last year of the Civil War; but all except 20 acres of the Walnut Creek farm was purchased from the proceeds of our subject's hog-raising business.

William M. Hoover was born in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on a farm near his present homestead, August 10, 1854, being a son of Jacob and Ivy (Kyles) Hoover. The father was a native of Walnut township, this county, born December 20, 1824, and spent an unobtrusive, honest life in farming; he is deceased, as well as the mother, who was born September 29, 1828, and died April 13, 1864. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoover were born 10 children, namely: Samuel H., Sarah A., Hannah J., William Madison, James H., Phoebe Elizabeth, Harriet, Susannah Emma, George B. and a child that died in infancy. George Hoover, the grandfather of our subject, took up land in Walnut township at a very early day, when the county was covered with wide-extending and mighty forests.

William M. Hoover attended the common schools of his native county, was trained in the common-sense methods of the practical farmer, and has profited by both his education and his early training. He acquired property and an honorable standing as a citizen, and on December 9, 1875, was united in marriage with Margaret Arbaugh, daughter of John and Nancy Arbaugh, residents of Harrison township. The parents of Mrs. Hoover were natives of Vinton County, this State, and in 1858, when she was two years of age, migrated to Pickaway County.

To Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hoover have been born 10 children, viz.: Ollie E., born October 13, 1876; Herbert, born January 29, 1879, who died June 29, 1885; Walter J., born July 2, 1881, engaged in farming north of Ashville, who married Edith J. Berry, of Harrison township; John Herschel, born July 24, 1883, who married Jessie Hickman,

of Columbus, and resides in Ashville; Claude and Maude (twins), born September 27, 1887; Herman and Thurman (twins), born March 29, 1890, the former of whom died July 4, 1890, and the latter, July 7, 1890; Lulu N., born November 12, 1891; and James Robert, born January 13, 1894.

Since his marriage, Mr. Hoover has resided on the homestead which he now occupies. As a staunch Democrat he has been active in the politics of the county, and has served for 12 years as trustee of Harrison township. As to his fraternal relations, he is a member of the Knights of Honor. Mrs. Hoover is a member of the United Brethren Church, at Ashville.

ALLEN DRUM, a progressive, representative farmer of Salt Creek township, and a member of the township School Board, resides on his finely-cultivated farm of 130 acres. Mr. Drum was born in this township, November 12, 1842, and is a son of William and Sarah (Bowman) Drum.

The family, of which our subject is a member, came to Ohio from the rich agricultural section of Pennsylvania, known as Berks County. Henry Drum, the paternal grandfather, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, came at an early day to Pickaway County and settled in Salt Creek township with his wife and two daughters. His land, situated in section 5, he improved into an excellent farm.

William Drum, father of Allen Drum, was a lifelong resident of Salt Creek township. Like his father, he was a man of sterling character, honest, industrious and moral and in his death the township lost an excellent citizen. He served on several occasions as township trustee and so enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens that they consulted his judgment very frequently on matters of local importance. He was a staunch Democrat. He belonged to the German Reformed Church. His death took place October 5, 1896. He married Sarah Bowman, who died April 25, 1895.

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rali (Bowman) Drum are: Josephus, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Allen, of this sketch; Mary A., wife of Capt. Henry Hinson, of Tarlton, Ohio; and Emily, wife of Walter Gray, of Circleville.

Allen Drum was reared on the paternal farm in Salt Creek township and was educated in the district schools. From youth he has been associated with agricultural operations and has always been a farmer. He owns 130 acres of good land, which he has developed into one of the best farms in the township. He is also a good business man and understands how to gain the full measure of return for his efforts, intelligently watching the markets and keeping in touch with outside affairs which affect agricultural conditions. He raises the grains best suited to this locality and breeds excellent stock.

On January 19, 1865, Mr. Drum was married to Louisa Heffner, who was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 24, 1839, and is a daughter of David and Lydia (Bear) Heffner. Mrs. Heffner died June 19, 1897. David Heffner, who was a native of Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, was a son of Abraham and Catherine Heffner, natives of Pennsylvania, who were early settlers in Salt Creek township. Of the children born to David Heffner and wife, six survive, as follows: Eliza A., widow of Edward Dresbach, residing at Stoutsville, Ohio; Mary A., wife of David Leist, of Pickaway County; Caroline, widow of Amos A. Leist, residing at Circleville; Louisa, wife of our subject; Lydia, widow of Rev. John W. Walkey, of Stoutsville; Sallie A., widow of Andrew Leist, residing in Washington township; and David J., of Washington township. David Heffner died March 28, 1882; Mrs. Heffner died June 19, 1897. They were members of the German Reformed Church.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Drum were: Omer C., deceased; Starling A., of Salt Creek township; Minard, of Fairfield County; Guy T., of Washington township; and Orton E., who is living at home.

Allen Drum and wife are leading members of the Evangelical Association. In poli-

tics Mr. Drum has always been identified with the Democratic party. He has served for nine years as school director of District No. 3, during this time taking great care as to the proper equipments for the schools, the selection of competent teachers, the comfort of the pupils and also for the economical management of all the affairs of the school district. He is a good citizen whose value to his community is recognized and who stands high in public esteem.



F. WITTICH, the leading confectioner at Circleville and a pioneer settler of 1836, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born at Ebingen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, on November 28, 1819, and is a son of Immanuel Fr. and Maria Catherina (Wolfer) Wittich.

In 1836 the father of Mr. Wittich, accompanied by his wife, his son, G. F., his daughter Sophia and her husband, Christian G. Hartmeyer, with their little son, Charles F., making a party of six, crossed the Atlantic Ocean, landing at the port of New York in August of that year. The eldest son, Ferdinand Frederick Wittich, had preceded them to the United States, coming in 1833. From New York the party went up the beautiful Hudson to Albany, thence by the Erie Canal, to Buffalo, where they took passage for Cleveland and from there traveled by way of the Ohio Canal to Circleville, where they met the son and brother.

The father was a bookbinder by trade and both of his sons had learned the business in Germany and Ferdinand Frederick was working at that trade in Circleville. While he knew that his younger brother was a capable workman, he probably felt that there would be a better business opening in a small town, in some other line, and he suggested to G. F. that he turn his attention to the manufacture of confectionery. The younger brother consented very readily and went to Cincinnati and became an apprentice to this business under Joseph P. Mayer. He made a contract with his employer,

by which he was to receive the sum of \$4 per month, with board, lodging and washing, during the first year and during the second year he was to have \$2 per month additional. He soon became very useful to his employer and he recalls an occasion, when, in 1838, he was obliged to cut short a visit he was making to his parents, in order to hasten back to Cincinnati to assist Mr. Mayer in filling large orders. He remembers also, at this time, that he walked from Portsmouth to Circleville, it being March and the canal not yet opened for traffic. He remained in Cincinnati until 1839, becoming an expert in the bakery and confectionery business.

In this year, in association with his brother, Ferdinand Frederick, he established the business which has developed into what it is today, beginning as a fancy bakery, under the firm name of F. F. & G. F. Wittich. The only business of the kind then carried on here was a very small one, owned by a Mr. Leggit, who conducted an ice cream room, the product being of a very indifferent kind, in a corner room of the old National House. Mr. Leggit sold the business to a Mr. McBride and from him the Wittich brothers purchased some of their earliest fixtures. Their first establishment was located on North Court street.

In 1842 the firm moved the business on the circle, where they continued until 1857, when Mr. Wittich moved into his present establishment at No. 105 West Main street, where fine quarters are maintained, equipped with every modern improvement. He is the recognized leader in the business. Even as far back as 1855, his establishment was noted for its well-arranged comfort and for the excellence and variety of the goods handled. He had come back from Cincinnati with many modern ideas and, with characteristic enterprise, was anxious to build up a business similar to those with which he had been familiar in the large city. He was very ably seconded by his brother. An early innovation was the introduction of a soda water fountain, which they put in in 1841.

To give some idea of the scope of the business even at that early date (1855), we are permitted to quote from Mr. Wittich's "Family History," describing his salesrooms:


"The first floor store room on the east side was to be used for a salesroom for confectionery, fruits, nuts and toys. The rear room was for storage and a kitchen for use in cooking oysters, etc. The west side rooms were for ice cream parlors, for the serving of oysters and general lunch rooms. The basement was furnished with a bake oven, furnace, tool shed, and was also used in the making of candy of all kinds, sugar toys, syrups, jains, soda water, ice cream, etc. The hall above was rented out for public entertainments, concerts and meetings of all kinds."

On October 4, 1842, G. F. Wittich was united in marriage with Henrietta Keffer, who was the youngest daughter of Col. Valentine Keffer, who was an old pioneer of Pickaway County, settling here in 1805. Mr. and Mrs. Wittich became the parents of nine children, as follows: Albert Theodore, Melanchthon, Theophilus Keffer, Clara, Rose Cornelia, Willis, Ella, Edward, and Frank.

Albert Theodore, the eldest son, is a resident of Toledo. He was born November 29, 1843. On September 1, 1864, he was married to Amanda M. Schultz, of Miamisburg. After her death, he married Rose Hirsch, and his third union was with Mrs. Amanda Parkhurst, of Gloversville, New York. Melanchthon, the second son, was born October 7, 1845. On April 20, 1867, he was married to Julia Horn. He died December 27, 1900. The third son, Theophilus Keffer, was born May 3, 1847, and was married to Lizzie Cook, on December 25, 1878. He is greatly talented in music and teaches the same in San Francisco, California. Clara, the eldest daughter, was born July 15, 1849, and died September 24, 1850. Rose Cornelia, born June 20, 1851, was married July 24, 1888, to S. C. Gauble, who is a well-known attorney at Circleville. Willis, who is a retired officer of the United States Army, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, resides at Plattsburg, New York. He was born February 21, 1853, and was married to Lillian Mearns, of Highland Falls, New York, on December 27, 1876. Ella, who was born January 17, 1855, married Dr. Edgar A. Mearns, of Highland Falls, New York, on December 14, 1881. Dr. Mearns is a surgeon in the United States

Army. Edward, who was born February 16, 1857, was married on April 20, 1882, to Lois Jones. He is the manager of his father's establishment. Frank, the youngest of the family, was born October 8, 1859, is unmarried and resides at St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Wittich has a family which reflects credit upon him and the community. There are five grandchildren to give him respect, affection and obedience.

In politics, Mr. Wittich has always been a stanch Democrat, but has rarely consented to hold office. The exception has been as a member of the Board of Education, on which he served for 38 years, being secretary of this body for 30 years. In 1833 he was confirmed in the Lutheran Church and has lived consistently in its faith ever since. For many years he was a member of the church council and its secretary. From boyhood he has been a musician and all of his family have inherited the talent in more or less degree. When he was but 14 years of age, he became second flutist in the church orchestra, and for several years after coming to this country he was identified with musical organizations. It is a pleasure which he still indulges.

 RA M. SCOTHORN, a well-known agriculturist, successful teacher and most worthy citizen of Walnut township, resides on the homestead farm of 167 acres, which is situated in section 8. He was born on this farm on June 20, 1870, and is a son of Monroe and Margaret (Morrison) Scothorn.

The Scothorn family has been known in Pickaway County since 1805. Like many other old and subsequently prominent families, the early annals were not carefully preserved, a fact much to be regretted, for the Scothorn family has become one of the most numerous and important families of Walnut township, through a virile increase of the old stock and through inter-marriage with a large number of the other old and honorable families of this vicinity. In preparing a family record as near

complete as possible, reference is made to a neat pamphlet pertaining to the family which was prepared by two of its members in 1905.

The family originated in Scotland. Early in the 17th century two brothers left their highland glens to seek their fortunes in the great country which looked so inviting across the waters of the Atlantic. After the usual adventures incident to travel in those early days, the brothers reached Greenbrier County, Virginia, and there Lewis Scothorn, the ancestor of the present branch of the family, established his home and subsequently married, in Virginia, a member of the Bell family, which is known all over that State. Lewis Scothorn had two children, a daughter and son, Mary and Joseph.

In 1805, Lewis Scothorn seems to have left Greenbrier County, with wife and two children, and crossed to Ohio, probably making the journey in the old covered wagon of that time or possibly on horseback. He took up a goodly piece of land in Walnut township, Pickaway County, which, although then in the center of a wild and unsettled section, was favorably located as to water, the first consideration among our pioneer fathers. The mother of Mary and Joseph died while the family was still new in this locality. At a later date Lewis Scothorn married a Miss Tallman and six sons and two daughters were born to them, who bore the names of Lewis, John, William, George, Charles, Samuel, Eliza and Sarah.

Lewis Scothorn died in 1816, having lived in Walnut township during the whole of his life in Ohio. He was a typical pioneer and gained a great local reputation as a woodsman. He was a man of great industry and began the clearing of the pioneer farm which he did not live to complete.

The widow of Lewis Scothorn subsequently married a Mr. Turner and in her age was generally known as "Grandmother Turner" in her neighborhood, where she lived to advanced years. Mr. Turner died shortly after marriage.

Mary Scothorn, the eldest child of Lewis Scothorn, familiarly known as "Aunt Polly Miller," was born in 1794 in Virginia, and

married (first) John Claur. Of their three children, two died in infancy. The other, a daughter, lived to womanhood and became the wife of Joshua Fridley and died April 16, 1845, aged 29 years. After the death of Mr. Claur, his widow married Peter Miller, who was also born in Virginia and accompanied his parents to Walnut township, Pickaway County, in 1804. He became a man of prominence in the township, served many years as a justice of the peace and is represented as having been a man far above the average in intellect. His death was occasioned by a fall from a horse, in 1849, being then 66 years old. One child of this marriage died in infancy, and the others were: Joash, Nancy, Elizabeth, Stephen, Joseph P., Mary A. and William H. Joash, born in 1822, practiced law at Circleville for a time but subsequently moved to the West. He had three children. His wife was a member of the Tallman family. Nancy, born in 1824, married Shadrach Cole and they removed to Nebraska. They reared eight children. Elizabeth, born in 1827, married Enoch Hines and they had five children—Edward, Ella, Ida, Alma and Clara. Stephen, born in 1829, married Sarah Hines, and they resided for a time in Madison township, Pickaway County, and now live in retirement at Circleville. Joseph P., born in 1832, married Mahala Culp; they have two children—Henry and Amelia. Mary A., born in 1835, married Adam Claur, and had two children. They reside in the State of Illinois. William H., born in 1839, married a Miss Glick and had three children.

Joseph Scothorn, the only son of Lewis Scothorn's first marriage, was born March 4, 1796, in Virginia. He assisted his father in the clearing of the pioneer farm and continued to follow agricultural pursuits to the close of his life, when he left an ample estate. He died September 30, 1864, aged 68 years. He married Hannah Crum, who was of German ancestry, but was born in Virginia in 1798. Her parents were pioneers in Madison township, Pickaway County.

Joseph and Hannah (Crum) Scothorn had five sons and five daughters, as follows: Lewis, Sarah and Mary, deceased in infancy; Thomas

J., Elizabeth, Monroe, Nancy, Eliza, Francis A. and Thornton. Thomas J., born August 1, 1820, married Rebecca Pritchett and to this marriage were born three children, two of whom died in infancy. The third, Amelia, became the wife of Henry B. Morris, of Circleville. Elizabeth, born March 16, 1824, married Jackson Hoover and six of their seven children survived infancy, namely: Lewis C., Monroe, William F., Sophronia, Sarah and Nancy. Monroe, born March 20, 1830, married Margaret Morrison, who was born April 23, 1833, and died April 23, 1906, aged exactly 73 years. They had three sons and three daughters: Thomas J. died aged seven and a half years; George M., who married Jennie Faust and had two sons—William H. and Harley Edward (who died in infancy); Olive, born June 26, 1859, who is the widow of Peter E. Hoover and the mother of two daughters—Laura and Dora; Lida, who married Charles F. Brinker, of Ashville, Ohio, and has two daughters—Marie and Dorothy; Emma, who married Jacob L. Hoover and has one son—Ira; and Ira M., always a resident of the old homestead, who married Mary Altha Burgett. Nancy, born April 1, 1832, married Silas A. Peters, and one of their three children grew to maturity—Josephine. Eliza, born June 20, 1834, died aged 19 years, unmarried. Francis A., born March 7, 1837, married Josephine Kenard, and of their 11 children seven grew to maturity, namely: Mattie, who married Carl Pickering and has three children; Anna, who married Charles Werst and has three children; Rose, who married a Mr. Bradbury and has one child, a daughter; and Frank M., Clarence, Thomas and DeWitt, all of whom reside in Kansas. Thornton lives in the northern part of Ohio.

The second marriage of Lewis Scothorn resulted in the birth of two daughters—Eliza and Sarah, and six sons—John, Lewis, Charles, George, William and Samuel. Eliza died soon after her marriage to a Mr. Swisher in Franklin County. Sarah married Asa Trone and they had three children: Catharine, who married Harvey Long; William, who married a Miss Whitehead; and Eliza, who mar-



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ried a Mr. Whitehead. John settled near Findlay, Ohio, but later moved to Fort Scott, Kansas, where he died. He married a Miss Glick and is survived by some of his children who are located in the West. Lewis married Susannah Westenhaver. For a year or two after marriage he lived on the farm of Peter Miller and then moved over on Walnut Creek, where he built a sawmill. After running his mill for several years, he sold out and built a residence a short distance away on a farm he had bought, where he lived until his death. Lewis and his brother John were both good carpenters. They built many large barns and other buildings throughout the neighborhood. Lewis Scothorn and wife had eight children, of whom five grew to maturity, namely: George W., who married Hattie Pontius, settled first in Walnut township and after some years moved to Winfield, Kansas—they have two sons; Rebecca, who married John H. Hott and had four children; Sophronia, who married Frederick Plazier, a miller by occupation, settled for a while in Walnut township and later moved to London, Ohio—they had several children; Frances, who married Isaac Noggle and had one daughter, who is now the wife of Edward Weiser; and W. H., who married Fanny Moyer and has four children—Calvin, Samuel, Cora and Florence. Charles and George were lost sight of in young manhood. William married in Hancock County, Ohio, resided a number of years in Washington and Oregon, after his wife's death, but subsequently returned to Walnut township, Pickaway County, and spent his last days with his brother Lewis; his one daughter married a Mr. Clark, of Circleville. Samuel, the last of the brothers, was born in Walnut township, later resided in Franklin County and still later in Seneca County, Ohio, whence he removed, in 1855, to Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, where he died in 1861. He was thrice married and had 11 children.

Lewis Scothorn, the founder of the family in Ohio, lies in an old burying ground north of East Ringgold, in a spot not far distant from the place where he first located when he came to Ohio. Years have passed since his long

sleep began. Where, in his day, waved the tall grass that concealed the richness of the fertile land beneath, or grew the dense forest that harbored both wild beast and savage, now smile cultivated fields and on the pleasant slopes live his descendants, who, in his memory, wish to preserve the old records. Full as they may be, they can never portray entirely the type of man who was able to leave an old civilized section and to successfully combat the hardships and face the discouragements incident to establishing a home in an unbroken wilderness.

Ira M. Scothorn, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in Walnut township and has always remained on the old home place. He has always followed an agricultural life in combination with that of a teacher. Mr. Scothorn is one of the best known educators in his section, having been a popular teacher in Harrison and Walnut townships since 1891.

On September 1, 1898, Mr. Scothorn was married to Mary Altha Burgett, who was for some years a teacher in Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Scothorn are members of the United Brethren Church. Fraternally our subject is connected with the Knights of Pythias.



GEORGE PHILIP TEEGARDIN, one of the really successful business men of Ashville, prominent in all its commercial life, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on July 11, 1848, and is a son of Aaron and Sarah (Hoy) Teegardin and a grandson of George Teegardin.

The Teegardin family originated in Prussia where the family name was spelled Tiegarden. According to the Pennsylvania State records, Abraham Tiegarden, Sr., aged 48 years, and Abraham Tiegarden, Jr., aged 18 years, emigrated from Prussia to Philadelphia, where on September 1, 1736, they took the oath of allegiance to the Province of Pennsylvania.

Abraham Tiegarden, Jr., was a member of the Ranger's on the frontier from 1778 to 1781.

and his sons, Thomas and William, were also Continental soldiers in the Revolutionary War. He married Mary Parker (known at the time as Lady Parker), who was born in England and was a resident of Annapolis, Maryland. Part of their family was born in Philadelphia and the remainder in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to which place they removed. Their children were as follows: William, whose descendants live for the most part in Western Pennsylvania; George, whose descendants are mostly in Eastern Ohio; Moses, whose descendants are in Western Ohio; Abraham, whose descendants may be chiefly found in Southern Indiana; Thomas, whose descendants live in Central Pennsylvania; Susanna, who married Colonel Shyrock; and Aaron, who with his entire family came to Pickaway County, Ohio.

Aaron Teegardin was born in Pennsylvania in 1754 and was there married to Margaret Dieble. He came to Ohio in April, 1811, and died in Pickaway County March 21, 1823, his burial being in Madison township. His seven children were as follows: George, William, Annie, Elizabeth, Jacob, Daniel and Solomon. Of these, George and William were soldiers in the War of 1812; the latter, who was in Captain Reed's company, Colonel Denny's regiment, from Pickaway County, was commissioned as lieutenant during his service.

George Teegardin, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Western Pennsylvania on April 25, 1782. He was commissioned as captain of Pennsylvania State militia and served from 1807 to 1812, when he migrated to Ohio. He was married to Christina Brobst and their children were as follows: Barbara, Annie, Mary, John and Aaron.

Aaron Teegardin, our subject's father, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1810, and with his parents came to Ohio when one year old. In 1833 he was married to Sarah Hoy, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1814. He lived on the Teegardin homestead all his life except one year. He filled numerous township offices and was lieutenant, captain and major of militia,

at the time of the Mexican War. He and his wife celebrated their "golden" wedding anniversary in March, 1883. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Ephraim, who resides in Southern Illinois; Mahala, deceased; John R., also deceased, who was a Union soldier in the Civil War, serving from 1862 to 1865; Augustus P., who resides at Ashville; Henry, who died in Idaho in 1863; George Philip, the subject of this sketch; Mary; and Levi, the youngest of the family, who resides at Canal Winchester, Ohio.

George Philip Teegardin received his literary education in the common schools of this county and completed his business education at the Lebanon Normal School in 1869. After leaving this institution, Mr. Teegardin clerked in the dry goods store of Dr. George L. Smith, late of Groveport, Ohio, for about a year and then entered into partnership with his brother, John R. Teegardin, at St. Paul, this county. This connection continued until 1878 when his health failed and he was obliged to return to the farm where he remained until December, 1884, when he went to Florida, where for two years he was engaged in growing fruit.

In 1886 Mr. Teegardin returned to the old homestead and in December of the following year resumed his connection with the mercantile business at St. Paul. His health continuing to be uncertain, he spent the winters of 1890, 1891 and 1892 in Florida. In the meantime, in 1891, he retired from business at St. Paul, trading his interests there for property in Ashville and remaining on the farm until 1894. For a short time thereafter he clerked for Teegardin Brothers in their hardware and grocery store at Canal Winchester, Ohio. Locating at Ashville in July, 1894, he clerked for a short time for Ward & Miller, previous to becoming a member of the firm of Ward, Miller & Company, grain dealers. This firm was succeeded by Rocky & Teegardin in the fall of 1895 and in 1897 the latter gave place to Ward & Teegardin. In August, 1902, he became the sole proprietor and successfully conducted his expanding business with the assistance of D. F. Taylor, who on July 1, 1906, was admitted as a partner, the firm now being

known as Teegardin & Taylor. Aside from his business and domestic life, Mr. Teegardin is socially interested in Masonry, being a member of Lithopolis Lodge, No. 169, F. & A. M.; Walnut Chapter, R. A. M., at Canal Winchester; and Scioto Commandery, No. 35, K. T., at Circleville.

Mr. Teegardin has been twice married. First to Amelia Hoffhines, daughter of John and Jane (Peters) Hoffhines, on the 24th of December, 1874. Four daughters were born to this union of whom only one is now living—Blanche, wife of R. W. Kraft, of Ashville. Mrs. Amelia Teegardin died September 10, 1886. Our subject's second marriage was to Anna Lilly, daughter of Edward and Louise (Frankenberg) Lilly, her father, who is of both English and German descent, being an attorney at Columbus. Three children—Curtis A., Sarah Louise and Bernice—all of whom are living, resulted from the second marriage.

ROBERT EMMETT HARMOUNT, postmaster at Williamsport, is an honored survivor of the great Civil War, in which he participated from 1861 until 1865. Mr. Harmount was born March 22, 1843, at Canal Dover, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Martha (Steele) Harmount.

On both paternal and maternal sides, Mr. Harmount comes of Irish ancestry. His paternal grandparents came to America from Ireland, where they were married and settled in Pennsylvania. John Harmount, father of our subject, was born near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. By trade he was a shoemaker and this he followed in his native State and after settling in Ohio. He married Martha Steele, who was also born at Chambersburg and accompanied her parents to Salem, Ohio. In 1840 John Harmount removed with his family to Williamsport, Pickaway County, where Mrs. Harmount died in 1890 and Mr. Harmount in the following year. They had these children: Melvina, wife of Capt. W. B. Davis;

Robert Emmett, of this sketch; Martha, deceased; John, a resident of Circleville; Memento, a teacher at New Holland; and Mrs. Ada Kirk, a widow, who resides with our subject.

Robert E. Harmount was six years old when his parents removed from Tuscarawas County to Williamsport, where he attended the sessions of school in the old log house which many of the older residents easily recall, and later enjoyed a course of six months at Oberlin College, a sufficient length of time to enable him to secure his certificate. He had intended teaching school, but before he had entered the educational field, the Civil War was precipitated and in July, 1861, although but 18 years old, he became a member of Company A, 27th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under the command of Capt. Nelson F. Lutz, of Circleville. After the close of his first term of enlistment, Mr. Harmount re-enlisted, in December, 1864, at Prospect, Tennessee, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky.

The full story of Mr. Harmount's army experiences, if narrated, would fill many pages of this work and would be replete with interest, covering as they do the campaigns which included fighting in Missouri, the battle and capture of Resaca, of Corinth and Iuka, the long march with Sherman to the sea, the siege of Atlanta and the closing scenes of the War of the Rebellion, the last one being the triumphal review at Washington. At the time of the death of the beloved General McPherson, Mr. Harmount was doing duty as a provost guard at headquarters.

After the close of the war, Mr. Harmount returned to Williamsport, having previously spent some six months in Nebraska. He engaged for a number of years in a successful huckster business both for others and on his own account. He has always been a good and loyal citizen and an upright business man.

Although Mr. Harmount has been a lifelong Republican, he has never been a seeker for political preferment, his present office being the only one he has ever held. To this he was appointed in July, 1897, during the first ad-

ministration of the late President McKinley.

In August, 1869, Mr. Harmount was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Ecord, who died in 1872, leaving one daughter, Dana Elizabeth, who resides with her father. An infant died with its mother.

Mr. Harmount is a member of Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., and Heber Lodge, O. E. S., at Williamsport. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Williamsport and was formerly connected with Groce Post, G. A. R., at Circleville.



CHARLES D. STEELY, a prosperous farmer of Pickaway township, was born in this township on November 26, 1868, and is a son of John P. and Mary Elizabeth (Ludwig)

Steely, now residents of Fairfield County, Ohio, the former of whom was born in Pickaway township, and the latter in Circleville township, Pickaway County.

Charles D. Steely was reared in the old home in Pickaway township and was educated in the township schools. With the exception of a short period, when he lived in Fairfield County, he has always been a resident of his native township, and since reaching maturity has followed agricultural pursuits. He is thoroughly equipped as a farmer, understanding the properties of soil and its adaptation to special grains or vegetable growths, and also has extensive knowledge concerning the breeding and economical feeding of stock. With this knowledge added to perseverance, industry and health, Mr. Steely has every help in the way of success.

On February 11, 1898, Mr. Steely was married to Lenora Thomas, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Levi Thomas, of Pickaway township. They have three children—Ruth, Hazel and Charley Guy.

In politics, Mr. Steely is a Republican. He takes an active interest in all that concerns the advancement of his section and gives hearty support to the cause of education in Pickaway township.



COL. DAVID L. SMITH. Among the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of the northern section of Pickaway County, there is none more deserving of mention in a representative work than Col. David L. Smith, one of the best-known residents of Madison township. Colonel Smith was born in Pickaway County, March 9, 1837, and is a son of Jacob and Christina (Hall) Smith.

This branch of the Smith family belonged to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and from there came Jacob Smith, in 1808, when a boy of 14 years, accompanying his father, John Smith, who settled in Madison township, Pickaway County, on the farm now occupied by our subject. At that time all this territory was as yet unsettled, forests stood where now are cultivated fields, and Indians and wild animals roamed where now stand comfortable farm houses or pass modern lines of transportation. The older generation passed away here and Jacob Smith, after a useful, exemplary life, died on the old farm in 1870, being a man who was held in universal respect by his fellow-citizens. He was a substantial farmer and he also engaged in weaving.

David L. Smith was reared in Madison township and was educated in the best schools the township afforded. His main occupation in life has been farming and stock-raising, in which he has been uniformly successful. He has long occupied a prominent position among the agriculturists of Madison township. For many years he was identified with military affairs, being captain of a company of militia in his early manhood and later became colonel of a regiment of State militia, which was made up of companies from Madison, Walnut, Harrison, Scioto and Washington townships. As commander of this regiment he was well and favorably known for a long period and has always been given the title of "Colonel." In private as well as military life, Colonel Smith has been a good citizen. He has served Madison township as trustee, as a member of the School Board and for over a quarter of a century has been a director of School District No. 1, Madison township. He has been an active supporter

of all the community's public-spirited movements.

Colonel Smith was married in 1864 to Eliza Fellers, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio. They have had 11 children, as follows: Elva E. and Anna C., both living at home; Stephen A., who married Mary Glick and lives in Fairfield County; Jacob R., living at home; Frederick J., of Madison township; Gertrude B., wife of J. B. Klamforth, of Franklin County; Samuel D., who married Kate Fridley and resides in Madison township; John M., who married Lulu Harris and resides in Franklin County; Elmer W. and Elwood F., both living at home; and Willard L., deceased. They also have a boy of 14 years in their family, whom they have raised from the time he was eight days old—his name is Delno William Stotler.

Jacob R. Smith, the second son of the above family, and the manager of the home farm, is one of the best known agriculturists of Madison township and is extensively engaged in breeding Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China swine. He is a member of the School Board of Madison township and is a representative citizen. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and has served for several years as superintendent of the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Democrat.

Colonel Smith has always been a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. Although no candidate for political honors, still he is deeply interested in its success. Colonel Smith is one of the best posted men of his community, being thoroughly acquainted with all the great questions of the day. He is a genial host, a pleasing conversationalist and from a fund of varied experience draws many an interesting story which throws light on the pioneer history of Madison township.



JAMES INSKEEP VAUSE, one of the prosperous farmers and most highly esteemed citizens of Harrison township, resides on his magnificent farm of 600 acres, on which farming and stock-raising are extensively carried on. He was born in Hamilton township, Franklin

County, Ohio, August 12, 1827, but has been identified with Pickaway County since 1857. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Decker) Vause.

The early history of the Vause family belongs to Virginia. The father of James I. Vause was born and reared in Hampshire County, Virginia, whence he came to Clark County, Ohio, and purchased a small farm in the vicinity of Springfield. During the War of 1812, he accompanied his neighbors to the frontier to defend their homes from the British and Indians and was captain of the company of light horse during the period of its service. He found his land well adapted to the growing of grain and the raising of stock, and through his care and excellent methods increased his holdings and became a man of substance as well as importance, owning at his death some 600 acres of land in Franklin and Pickaway counties. In 1823 he settled in the former county and erected a fine home near Lockbourne, in which he resided the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1852, at the age of 66 years. In 1817 he married Elizabeth Decker, who died in 1852, aged 60 years. Their children were: John D., Rachel, William, Luke D., James Inskeep, Thomas B., and Hannah Decker. Of these, our subject is the only survivor. John D. married Mary Perrill and lived in Harrison township. Rachel married William Thornton Decker and they are survived by six children. William married Mary Stimmel, and Thomas B. married Missouri Moore and resided at Camp Chase, Columbus.

James I. Vause spent his boyhood in attending the district schools and in assisting on the home farm and remained there until 1858, although he had purchased a part of his present farm in 1857. This purchase was one of 482 acres, formerly the property of Joseph Renick, to which Mr. Vause has added, his last purchase, in 1892, being one of a farm of 130 acres, which he bought of George Hall and William Mott. His farm of 600 acres is devoted to crops of wheat, corn, oats and hay and to the raising of cattle, horses and swine. When Mr. Vause acquired his property, a small amount of clearing had been done, but the larger part of the land was still heavily tim-

bered. This was subsequently cleared by Mr. Vause and placed under its present fine state of cultivation.

On November 7, 1854, Mr. Vause was married to Eliza Wright, born April 17, 1827, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Platter) Wright. Mrs. Vause died June 25, 1878, the mother of five children, viz.: Sarah Elizabeth, born October 17, 1856, who died at the age of eight years, 10 months and 17 days; Joseph Wright, born June 22, 1858, one of Harrison township's substantial men; William Thornton, born January 5, 1860, who died March 29, 1861; James Edward, born July 24, 1863, who married Ella Conner, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and resides at Milwaukee, where he follows his profession as civil engineer; and Mary Agnes, born September 12, 1865, who is the wife of I. J. Swayer, of Harrison township. Mr. and Mrs. Swayer have two children—Herbert Edwin and Ray Vause. Mrs. Eliza (Wright) Vause, the mother of this family, was a devoted and useful member of the Asbury Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church and was a hearty worker in the Missionary Society of that body.

Mr. Vause was married (second), on September 9, 1880, in Walnut township, Pickaway County, to Mary A. Haas, who was born November 7, 1845, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and died November 13, 1900, aged 55 years. She was a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Haas, of Pickaway County.

The beautiful home of Mr. Vause was erected in 1873, taking the place of the old log house, which had served its time as a place of residence. Here Mr. Vause still resides, although he is relieved of all business care by his son, Joseph Wright Vause, who has always resided on the old homestead. In spite of his 79 years, Mr. Vause is in the enjoyment of vigorous health, this being a heritage from a wholesome boyhood and the result of an unusual busy life, a large part of which has been passed in the healthful pursuits of agriculture. In his political views, Mr. Vause has always been an ardent Republican. As an intelligent citizen he has kept alive his interest in public movements as well as local enterprises and

has been liberal in the assistance he has given to objects of charity and benevolence when they have been brought to his attention. Aside from the personal esteem in which he is held, he is an interesting figure in Harrison township as a representative of a fine old family which came to the county as pioneers.



DANIEL RITTENOUR KNOWLES, a representative citizen and farmer of Wayne township, was born January 25, 1853, on the farm adjoining the one where he now lives.

His father was Robert Knowles, who came from the State of Delaware to Pickaway County, and married Emeline Rector, daughter of John R. Rector, of Deer Creek township, near Kinderhook, the family being one of the oldest in that part of the county.

Daniel R. Knowles grew to manhood on the farm, receiving his education in the district school, followed by one term in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. In 1873 his parents and their children moved to Butler County, Kansas, where for a year he was employed in the county recorder's office. The following year he assisted his father in the live-stock trade, during that year returning to Pickaway County. On the 10th of November, 1876, he was joined in wedlock, with Ella M. Owens, daughter of Samuel M. Owens, one of the most substantial and best known citizens of Wayne township, and they have since resided on a farm of 100 acres, which Mr. Knowles successfully tills. They have a beautiful home. Two children, daughters, were born of the marriage—Birdie and Nannie. The first named married Orie C. Snelling, of Pickaway County. They now reside in Columbus. Four children have been born to them: Beulah (who died at the age of five years), Muriel May, Henry K. and Dorothy Elizabeth. Nannie, the younger daughter, is at home.

Besides giving close attention to his farm, Mr. Knowles has found time to devote to the welfare and best interests of the neighborhood, the township and county, the church, schools

and other local affairs. In 1882 he was elected trustee of the township, serving three years, and in 1900 was land appraiser of the township. He is now serving his 17th year as assessor. In all these capacities he acquitted himself with promptness, ability and unquestioned integrity. Politically an ardent Democrat, he has served as delegate in county, district and State conventions, represented the township eight years on the County Central Committee, and is now serving his second term as a member of the Democratic County Executive Committee.

His religious connections are with the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is a generous giver for its support.

ARTHUR M. DAUGHERTY, treasurer of Darby township, manager of Jones & Company's coal and grain business at Derby, and prominent both in politics and church work, is a son of John and Anna (Peters) Daugherty. When quite young his grandparents emigrated from Ireland; of their large family, there are only two members now living: Daniel, who is married and resides at Howard City, Kansas; and John, our subject's father.

John Daugherty was born in Ross County, Ohio, and married Anna H. Peters, daughter of John Peters, whose American ancestors were "Mayflower" voyagers. Mrs. John Daugherty is one of a family of seven children; a brief record of her brothers and sisters follows: George, a soldier of the Civil War, who married Olive Howard and now lives in Arkansas; William, also a defender of the Union in the Civil War, who married Mary Brand and is a resident of Allen County, Ohio; James, who gave his life for his country, being killed at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia; Elizabeth, whose first husband, Bart Burkett, was drowned in Chesapeake Bay in the Civil War, while being conveyed to the seat of war on a transport—she married, as her second husband, John W. Kemp, deceased several years ago, and now lives in Allen County, Ohio; Matilda, who married Peter Hott—

both now deceased; Margaret, who married (first) Nelson McLaughlin, (second) Daniel Hoak and (third) Austin Barber—Mrs. Barber and her husband are both dead.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daugherty, the parents of our subject, were married at Columbus, Ohio, in 1871, and of their four children Arthur M. is the eldest. George, the second, married Ura Sutton and is engaged in the oil business at Spencerville, Ohio. Daisy is the wife of Ora B. Crites, an Allen County farmer. Clarence, who is unmarried, lives at home with his parents, who are residents of Amanda township, Allen County.

Arthur M. Daugherty was born in Franklin County, Ohio, and when his father moved to Allen County accompanied his parents thither. He attended the colleges at Lima, Ohio, and Valparaiso, Indiana, completing a commercial course at the former institution, and began teaching at the age of 18 years. Mr. Daugherty continued in this professional work for 10 years, teaching nine years in the common schools and one year in Lima College.

On September 28, 1901, our subject was united in marriage with Emma Crites, daughter of Amos and Carlile (Shock) Crites, of Allen County, this State. Mrs. Daugherty has a brother, Titus, who was married to a daughter of Samuel East, of that county, and two sisters—Martha, wife of Marion Imbler, and Adelina, wife of Daniel Whiteone, the former a resident of Allen County and the latter of Auglaize County, Ohio. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Daugherty—Melvia May, at Derby, on the 8th of September, 1902.

Mr. Daugherty's home is in the village of Derby. In 1905 he was elected by the Democratic party to the office of township treasurer, being the only candidate of that organization to make a successful run in Darby township. Besides attending to the duties of this office, he is engaged in the raising of fancy poultry, his special breed being Buff Plymouth Rocks.

Both Mr. Daugherty and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He himself is especially prominent in Sunday-school work. He has served as super-

intendent of the Sunday-school, and is at present assistant superintendent of his Sunday-school, vice-president of the Darby Township Sunday-School Association and vice-president of the Epworth League. His fraternal associations are with the Odd Fellows.

DANIEL L. HEFFNER, assessor of Salt Creek township, a popular citizen and a successful agriculturist, resides on the Circleville and Adelphi turnpike, along which he owns a farm of 145 acres of well-tilled land. Mr. Heffner was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 19, 1853, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Holler) Heffner.

The Heffner family is of German descent and many of the name are substantial farmers and good citizens of Pennsylvania, whence came Abraham Heffner, the grandfather of Daniel L., to Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, at a very early day. Here he reared his family.

Samuel Heffner was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in which township he passed his whole life, dying November 1, 1895. He married Elizabeth Holler, who survived him just one year. He was a prominent and useful citizen of Salt Creek township, a quiet, industrious, law-abiding man, who supported schools and churches and did his full duty in every relation of life. He served as trustee of his township but was not willing to accept other offices. He was a worthy member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Whisler. In politics he was a Democrat. His three surviving children are: Jacob H., Daniel L. and Wilson, all of Salt Creek township.

Daniel L. Heffner was reared and educated in his native township and received excellent agricultural training on the home farm. His main business in life has been the development and improvement of his land and he is justly numbered with the leading agriculturists of his section of Pickaway County.

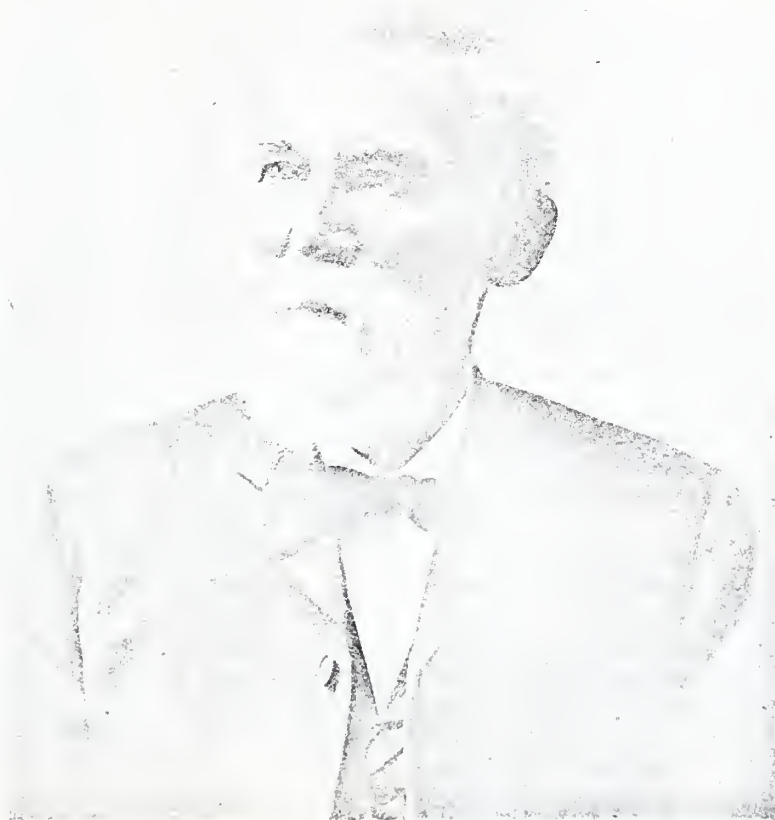
On February 5, 1873, Mr. Heffner was

united in marriage with Sarah A. Reichelderfer, who was born May 27, 1855, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Reichelderfer, the former of whom was born in Salt Creek township and the latter in Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather, Henry Reichelderfer, was one of the earliest settlers in Salt Creek township and the family has always been one of prominence and substance here. Of the children of Samuel Reichelderfer and wife, four survive, namely: Ira, of Salt Creek township; James, of Circleville; Sarah A., wife of Daniel L. Heffner; and Francis, of Amanda, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Heffner have one son, George W., a practicing physician at Circleville. He is a graduate of Starling Medical College at Columbus. Dr. Heffner is meeting with success in his profession. Prior to entering upon the study of medicine, he taught school and is well known over a large part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Heffner had two other sons, George and Lafayette, both of whom are deceased.

In Mr. Heffner the Democratic party in Pickaway County has an influential factor. He is now serving his third term as assessor of Salt Creek township and formerly served one term as land appraiser and several terms as township trustee, during a portion of which period he was president of the board. In 1905 Mr. Heffner's party prominence was recognized signally by his being sent as a delegate to the Ohio State Democratic convention from Pickaway County. Both Mr. Heffner and wife are members of the Evangelical Association, Pleasant View Church.

HENRY KAISER, of Scioto township, is a typical German-American farmer, representing a class upon which depends much of the agricultural prosperity of Ohio and other States of the Middle West. He was born in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, December 7, 1866, received a good education in the Fatherland, and came




NELSON HITLER.

with his sister Martha to the United States in August, 1884. Without friends or money, they at first located at Washington, D. C., where they remained for a few months.

In the spring of 1885, having determined that his prospects for advancement would be better in an agricultural country, Mr. Kaiser located in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and engaged in farming. In 1887 he was able to purchase a portion of the farm upon which he now resides, and in 1889 the remainder of the 70 acres which he owns and occupies as a homestead. This is what pluck and industry, combined with good management, has accomplished in a few years. Mr. Kaiser now has a well-cultivated piece of land. Besides raising wheat, corn and oats, he feeds a considerable number of hogs and cattle.

On July 12, 1904, our subject was united in marriage with Mary Gibson, daughter of James and Hester Gibson. One son has been born to them—Henry G. Mr. Kaiser's sister, who accompanied him to America, is also a member of the household. Of his other sisters and brothers, John and Lewis are dead; George lives in Germany; and Anna Elizabeth also resides in the old country. The father died in Germany, when Henry was five years of age, being then 50 years old; his widow survived him until April 13, 1902, when her death took place, being nearly 80 years of age.


Although Mr. Kaiser has had too much on his hands and mind since coming to America to interest himself much in politics, all his sympathies are with the Democracy. He votes the ticket and does what he can to contribute to the success of the party.

 NELSON HITLER, a leading citizen and prominent agriculturist of Pickaway County, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, owns 740 acres of very valuable land in Pickaway township, located near and just south of Circleville. He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, January 24, 1833, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Gougar) Hitler.

The Hitler family came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, George Hitler the grandfather of Nelson Hitler, being the pioneer in Pickaway County of this sturdy old family of German ancestry. He located here in the spring of 1799, settling in Pickaway township on the farm that is now the property of James Fryback. Later, George Hitler removed to Washington township and settled on the eastern side of the famous body of land known as the Pickaway Plains.

Jacob Hitler, father of Nelson, was three years old when his father brought the family to Ohio. His whole life was spent in Pickaway County, which he subsequently served as commissioner. In many ways he was a self-made man, as there were few educational or social advantages to be secured in his youth. At the time of his death, in 1879, he was held in the greatest respect by his fellow citizens. He married Sarah Gougar, who was also born in Pennsylvania, and they had seven children, the two survivors being: Nelson, of this sketch, and Ellen, who is the wife of Evan Phillips, of Pickaway township. The members of the family who have passed away were: George, Daniel, Susan, Evaline and Jacob, a number of them occupying prominent places in their lifetime.

Nelson Hitler was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the schools of his district. His life has been entirely an agricultural one and he is widely known as a very successful farmer and stock-raiser. His large body of land is well managed. He has set aside a portion of it as a deer park, and at the present writing has 10 head of deer. These beautiful creatures excite much admiration from the many visitors who are frequently hospitably entertained at Mr. Hitler's home.

 AMUEL GOODMAN, one of Pickaway County's substantial and prominent citizens and successful agriculturists, resides on the Goodman farm, in section 16, Madison township, which is recognized as the best cultivated property in the northeastern section of the county.

Mr. Goodman was born in Green township, Ross County, Ohio, February 11, 1851, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Charles) Goodman.

Daniel Goodman was born in Pennsylvania, and died when his son Samuel was 16 years of age, his wife having died in the previous year, when Samuel was just 15 years old. Of their children, these survive: Josiah, living in Missouri; Charles, of Ross County, Ohio; and Elizabeth, Alfred, Nancy E., Samuel and Sarah, all of Madison township, Pickaway County.

Samuel Goodman grew up in Green township and was educated in the schools of Ross County, completing his training in the High School at Kingston, Ohio. His business in life has been agriculture and this he has followed with great success, carrying on general farming and also breeding Shorthorn cattle. As mentioned above, the Goodman farm is noted for its high state of cultivation and for the excellent system of management which Mr. Goodman employs. All his mature life Mr. Goodman has been interested in public matters pertaining to township and county and on many occasions he has been selected by the Democratic party for offices of trust and responsibility. The confidence he enjoys from his fellow-citizens can be shown by the fact that he was twice elected county commissioner, an important office only entrusted to men of substance and the highest integrity. For 14 consecutive years he has served as treasurer of Madison township, and on many occasions he has represented his party at important conventions. He has been a resident of Madison township since 1883. Mr. Goodman has never married.

JAMES SHANER, who has been identified with the farming interests of Pickaway township for many years, has operated the large estate of 337 acres known as the Daniel Ludwig farm since 1887. He was born August 2, 1837, in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and

is a son of Pearsol and Sarah (Bowern) Shaner.

The Shaner family is of German extraction and one which for generations has been of importance in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. Early in the '50's the parents of Mr. Shaner came to Ohio and settled in Scioto County, removing to Pickaway County some years later. After a few more years they took up their residence in the State of Kentucky, where the father died.

James Shaner accompanied his parents to Scioto County, Ohio, where he completed the education he had commenced in his native county. He remained a resident of Scioto County until about the close of the Civil War, when he came to Pickaway County. He has since resided in Circleville and Pickaway townships. For 14 years he farmed the George W. Gregg estate of 555 acres in Pickaway township, and has been established on the farm he now operates for the past 19 years, coming here in 1887. This well-cultivated and in every way desirable farm is situated on the Chillicothe and Columbus turnpike, some five miles south of Circleville. Mr. Shaner carries on extensive farming and stock-raising operations and is known in agricultural circles all over the county. He has served as trustee of Pickaway township for several years, and has also been a member of the Board of Education. He is a thoroughly up-to-date farmer as well as a public-spirited, well-informed citizen. He has had charge of three large estates in this county, the first one being the old James Emmet farm of 712 acres, upon which he lived several years.

On September 18, 1859, Mr. Shaner was married to Susan Deemer, who was born April 21, 1839, in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Bunzo) Deemer, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Shaner was 18 years of age when she accompanied her parents to Scioto County. Mr. and Mrs. Shaner have had eight children, the five survivors being: Jacob P., of Lancaster, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of George Conley, of Cleveland, Ohio; Leroy T., of Pickaway township; Florence, wife of John Gehres, living near

Portsmouth, Ohio; and James L., of Pickaway township. Mr. Shaner has been a lifelong Democrat.

JOASH CROMLEY, deceased, late of Walnut township, was born on the farm now occupied by his widow, on the 17th of April, 1830. He was a son of Jonas and Permeley (Hoffhines) Cromley, and was reared and educated in the township named. In his early days Mr. Cromley was quite a traveler, and somewhat adventurous, one of his occupations being the driving of cattle over the Alleghanies, on foot and on horseback. Later he learned the mason's trade, which he followed industriously and profitably.

Joash Cromley was married in 1859 to Amanda Ashbrook, daughter of Absalom and Phebe (Dunnick) Ashbrook, and they were the parents of two children: Charles, born January 14, 1862, and deceased in December, 1900, who married Nancy Hoover and was the father of Mary Alice and Paul Joash; and Joash Brook, born December 14, 1873, who married Delphine Trout and is the father of one son—Martin William.

Mr. Cromley passed away June 15, 1898. His widow lives in the handsome residence in Walnut township that he erected. She also enjoys the comforts of a good homestead of 160 acres, left by her husband. Mrs. Cromley is a sister of George W. Ashbrook, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Her family is one of the oldest and best known in Walnut township.

WILLIAM A. BAZORE, proprietor of one of the best equipped mills in Deer Creek township, a practical miller and a highly regarded citizen, was born in Perry County, Ohio, October 12, 1849, and is a son of David and Catherine (Bakley) Bazole.

David Bazole, father of our subject, was born in Perry County, Ohio, where his life was passed as a farmer and stockman. He carried Catherine Bakley, who was born at

Basel, Switzerland, and was 18 months old when her parents came to America and located in Perry County, Ohio. Of the parental family of five sons and three daughters, William A. is the only one residing in Pickaway County.

William A. Bazole remained in his native county until he was 14 years old and attended the local schools. Then he went to Zanesville and during the succeeding five years learned thoroughly the milling business. In 1869 he removed to Mount Sterling and there followed his trade three years, next spent a year at Harrisburg and then four more at Mount Sterling, one year at Mount Vernon and then five more years at Mount Sterling. After coming to Pickaway County, he engaged in a mill business for one year on a property above Circleville and was engaged for one year in Circleville. In 1885 he located on his present property in Deer Creek township. He began working in the old Haines mill and bought it six months later. Since then he has completely remodeled it, installed modern mill machinery and has doubled its capacity. He now has a 50-barrel mill and produces flour of the best grade, which has a large sale all over the county, being handled by all of the leading grocers. His brands are all favorites, the leading one being "Stella's Pride."

The site of Mr. Bazole's mill was looked upon as a desirable one from the time of settlement here, an old mill having been built here as early as 1813, since which time wheels have turned almost continuously. The frame of the present mill was built in 1849. Formerly there was an old distillery on this land but it was not so old as is the residence, which still does duty as a comfortable home. Houses in these days are not built like this one, with corner posts 14 inches square. Although undoubtedly very old, perhaps built 100 years ago, it has the appearance of being staunch for as many years more. It is one of the county's historic spots.

On January 24, 1885, Mr. Bazole was married to Mai Alkire, who was born in Deer Creek township, and is a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Mary (Darr) Alkire. The early Alkire history will be found in the sketch

of Harry Fremont Alkire, in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Bazore have one daughter, Stella, who was born February 16, 1890. Mrs. Bazore and daughter are members of the Christian Church, to which Mr. Bazore gives liberal support.

In political sentiment Mr. Bazore is a staunch Republican. Fraternally he is a Mason and belongs to Heber Lodge, No. 501, at Williamsport.

TECUMSEH C. MILLAR, one of the prominent citizens of Circleville, has been a leading agriculturist and stock-raiser of Pickaway County during almost all his life. He was born in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, July 23, 1851, and is a son of Adam and Nancy R. (Howell) Millar.

The Millar family, as shown in another part of this volume, had much to do with the early settlement of Pickaway County. William Millar, grandfather of Tecumseh C. Millar, was born in Virginia and came to Ohio in 1769, settling near the junction of the Scioto River and Walnut Creek. There he secured 700 acres of land, which remained in the possession of the family until recently. It passed from father to son, each generation adding to its value by improvements. This land lies partly in Harrison and partly in Walnut townships. William Millar and wife were the second family to settle in Harrison township and he built the first brick house in all the surrounding country. Here William Millar died in 1863 at the age of 86 years, his wife having preceded him in 1860.

Adam Millar, son of the settler and father of Tecumseh C. Millar, was born in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 15, 1815. His education was only that which could be secured in the primitive schools of that partially settled section, and until his marriage he continued to assist his father in developing the home farm. After this event, he succeeded to the ownership of a portion of the family estate and on this he continued to live,

extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising, for many years. He made a specialty of breeding fine horses and had much to do with the improvement of the stock in his part of the county. At the age of 76 years he passed away, leaving behind the record of a long, useful, fruitful life.

Adam Millar married Nancy R. Howell, who was a daughter of Elisha and Louisa Howell. Having been a soldier in the War of 1812, Elisha Howell was granted land in Ohio, of which he took possession in 1820, settling first in Walnut township, Pickaway County, and then removing to Scioto township, where he bought 120 acres of timber land and developed a farm on which he resided for many years. He was a native of Delaware. The children of Adam Millar and wife were: William, Mary and George (twins), Michael, Taylor, Tecumseh C., Adam, Fillmore, Lucinda and Hattie.

Tecumseh C. Millar remained on the home farm until his marriage. He was liberally educated, attending school at South Bloomfield and Lebanon, Ohio. For a number of years he remained on the farm and, like his father, carried on large operations in farming and also continued to breed first-class horses. One of these, "Brownie Wilton," had a record of 2:10, and brought a great price when Mr. Millar finally sold it. It was taken to Vienna, Austria.

In 1874 Mr. Millar married Jennie Wiegand, who died in August, 1876. On February 5, 1879, he was married (second) to Lucy M. Staige, daughter of Samuel Staige; they have one daughter—Hattie V. Adam T., a promising young man, our subject's only son, died in 1901, when almost 21 years old. Since 1898 the family have resided at Circleville. Mr. Millar is a Knight Templar Mason.

MRS. RACHEL C. CROMLEY, a lady loved and venerated throughout Madison township, where she was born on March 25, 1834, is a daughter of John and Mary B. (Logan) Teegardin.

The father of Mrs. Cromley was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of George Teegardin, one of the early settlers of Madison township. John Teegardin was familiarly known as Captain Teegardin, on account of his military rank in the State militia. Mrs. Cromley was a little maid of four years when her mother, who was a native of Virginia, died, and the father's death followed when she was seven years old, leaving two daughters and one son. They were reared by an uncle, Aaron Teegardin, in Madison township, from whose home Rachel C. Teegardin was married on February 20, 1850, to John Cromley.

The late John Cromley was one of the most highly-respected men of Madison township. In his death, which occurred March 19, 1905, the township lost a man of sterling worth, one who was honorable and upright in life, who was a kind husband and father and a faithful friend and neighbor. He was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, May 26, 1828, and was a son of Stephen Cromley, whose father, Paul Cromley, had been one of the earliest settlers in Walnut township. John Cromley was a successful agriculturist and was one of the township's representative, reliable men, serving as a justice of the peace and as township clerk, for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cromley had four children, viz.: Mary J., wife of F. J. Peters, of Madison township; Rosaltha A., wife of Charles E. Morris, of Columbus; Lucy A., widow of the late George P. Alspaugh, of Madison township, and George E., of Athens County, Ohio. The late John Cromley was a worthy member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. In politics he was a Democrat. In early life he served as a captain in the State militia, and he was always a public-spirited, energetic citizen.

Mrs. Cromley resides on her homestead farm of 80 acres, in Madison township, surrounded by every comfort and cared for by loving children and visited by attentive friends. She is known for her many virtues. For many years she has been a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and has ever been a valued helper in its missionary work.

JONATHAN PONTIUS, one of the trustees and prominent citizens of Wayne township, resides on a well-cultivated and finely improved farm which lies along the canal road through the township. Mr. Pontius was born January 14, 1845, and is a son of Samuel and Susan (Frederick) Pontius.

The Pontius family is a numerous and prominent one in Pickaway County. Samuel Pontius, father of Jonathan, was born in Pennsylvania and married Susan Frederick after he had settled in Ross County, Ohio. He was a farmer all his life.

Jonathan Pontius was reared a farmer and was educated in the district schools of Colrain township, Ross County, Ohio. In addition to cultivating the valuable farm in Wayne township on which he resides, he is also in business outside of agriculture, being a dealer in coal, wheat and corn.

Mr. Pontius married Malinda Routt, who is a daughter of James Routt, of Harrison township, Ross County, Ohio. Four daughters were born to this marriage, the survivors being: Flora, who married Nelson Purdum; Olive, who married Mack Dowden; and Gertrude, who lives at home. The eldest daughter, Cora, died aged 30 years.

For many years Mr. Pontius has been a leader in the township's political affairs and at present is serving as one of the board of trustees. He is a man who is very highly regarded in his community and possesses many sterling qualities. In politics he is a staunch Democrat.

JACKSON STEIN, a representative citizen and well-to-do farmer of Madison township, residing on an excellent farm of 65 acres, was born at Circleville, Ohio, October 30, 1851. He is a son of David and Mary Ann (Billig) Stein.

The parents of Mr. Stein were natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in 1850 and settled in Circleville township, on land which had been entered from the government by his

father, John Stein. David Stein died in 1888.

Jackson Stein grew up on his father's farm in Circleville township and attended the public schools through his boyhood. He has given his whole attention to agricultural pursuits and long has been considered one of the township's first-class farmers and successful stock-raisers. In addition to the farm on which he lives, Mr. Stein, with his wife, owns a second farm, of 90 acres, both properties being well improved and very valuable.

On March 11, 1886, Mr. Stein was married to Mary A. Hall, who is a daughter of Peter Hall, of Madison township, the Halls being an old and substantial family of this section.

Not having children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Stein have opened their hearts and their home to four orphan children, whom they have given homes. Two of these children, Harley Woodruff and Bertha Burkham, upon arriving at mature years, were united in marriage; and they have one child—William. The other two children, Charles Grover Stotler and May Elizabeth Stein, continue to be members of the Stein family circle.

Mr. Stein is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, ever ready to do his full duty in the interests of his community. He was for five years a school director of District No. 6. He is a member and one of the trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church at Marcy, Ohio.

NATHAN PERRILL VAUSE, a well-known citizen and general farmer of Scioto township, residing on a fine farm of 150 acres, located just off the highway known as the Commercial Point and Harrisburg turnpike, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, being a son of John D. and Mary Elizabeth (Perrill) Vause.

Thomas Vause, his grandfather, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, and removed from the vicinity of Moorefield at a very early day to Clark County, Ohio. He saw service in a light horse company in the War of 1812. Through his care and excellent methods he increased his holdings and became a man of

substance as well as of importance, owning at his death some 600 acres of land in Franklin and Pickaway counties. In 1823 he settled in Franklin County and erected a fine home near Lockbourne, where he resided until his death, in 1852, at the age of 66 years. In 1817 he married Elizabeth Decker, who died the same year as he, aged 60 years. They had seven children, as follows: John D., our subject's father; Rachel, who married William Thornton Decker; William, who married Mary Stimmel; Luke D.; James Innskeep, of Harrison township, whose biography is given on another page of this book; Thomas B., who married Missouri Moore; and Hannah Decker, who was killed by an accident.

John D. Vause was born near Springfield, Ohio, on Buck Creek, March 10, 1818, and was reared a farmer. The last 36 years of his life were spent on a farm of 260 acres in Harrison township which he purchased in 1862. His death occurred February 16, 1898. His wife, Mary Elizabeth Perrill, was born January 1, 1822, and died January 20, 1901. Her parents, Nathan and Christina (Stump) Perrill, both Virginians by birth, settled in Madison township, Pickaway County, at an early day. Five children were born to Nathan Perrill and his wife, namely: Augustus L., who married Mary Seymour, both now deceased—he was a very prominent business man, serving as sheriff of Pickaway County and also in both branches of the Legislature; Zebulon H., who married Rebecca Bywaters; Catherine, who married John Moore; Mary Elizabeth, the mother of our subject; and Frances, who married Adam Dyer. Mr. and Mrs. Vause reared eight children, namely: Christina E., who married Thomas J. Rathmell; Rachel C., who married Seymour R. Vannmeter; Mary P., who lives on the old home place in Harrison township; Nathan Perrill; J. Baldwin, at home; Thomas W., who died in 1879; Frances P., who married Dr. H. C. Blake, of Lockbourne; and Anna L., who resides at home with Mary P. and J. Baldwin.

Nathan P. Vause was educated in the district schools and assisted on the home farm until his marriage, when he settled on his

present farm, a valuable property, formerly owned by Godfrey Kegg, but now owned by Mr. Vause and wife. Here he carries on general farming and the family occupy a comfortable, roomy residence, beautifully shaded by sugar maples, which house was built before the farm came into their possession.

On November 22, 1893, Mr. Vause was married to Susan B. Northrop, a daughter of Edward B. and Rhoda (Loomis) Northrop, who had three children—Edward L., Frederick B. and Susan B. Edward L. married Minnie Mansur, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Frederick B. married Fannie L. Chaney, a daughter of Dr. Hugh Chaney, formerly a member of the Ohio Legislature. The father of Mrs. Vause was the oldest son of Judge Benjamin Northrop, of Cleveland, Ohio. He died at the hospital at Annapolis, Maryland, three months after enlisting for service in the Civil War.

JACOB M. HENSEL, a representative agriculturist and stock-raiser of Madison township, who resides on a well-cultivated farm of 215 acres, was born on this farm, in August, 1854, and is a son of George and Salome (Billings) Hensel.

The parents of our subject were born in Germany and after emigrating to America settled first in Fairfield County, Ohio, but later removed to Pickaway County, locating on the farm which the son now owns and occupies. On this farm George Hensel died in 1882. He was identified with the Democratic party and was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church. In his family and in his relations with his neighbors and fellow-citizens he was a man who commanded respect. Of his children, these survive: Elizabeth E., widow of E. Moore, residing in Miami County, Kansas; Catherine L., living in Madison township; Louisa, wife of George Harts, living in Miami County, Kansas; Amelia, who is the wife of John Dittman, of Fairfield County, Ohio; Josephine, who lives in Madison township; and Jacob M., of this sketch.

Jacob M. Hensel was educated in the district schools and was reared on the home farm. He was only six years old when his mother died and has always regretted the loss of her tender care. Being the youngest of the family, he never left the home roof-tree. He was his father's right-hand helper and gave him filial care when the ailments of age enfeebled him. He carries on large farming operations and raises much excellent stock.

In politics Mr. Hensel is a staunch Democrat. As a citizen he supports all public measures which in his judgment will benefit his neighborhood and is a highly respected resident of his township.

JOSEPH WRIGHT VAUSE, one of the leading agriculturists and well-known citizens of Harrison township, has always resided on the old homestead farm of 470 acres. He was born June 22, 1858, in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of James Inskeep and Eliza (Wright) Vause.

The Vause family was founded in Ohio by Thomas Vause, the grandfather of Joseph W., who came as a pioneer to Clark County from Virginia. He served in the War of 1812 and later became a large farmer and stock-raiser. He married Elizabeth Decker in 1817, and they had these children: John D., Rachel, William, Luke D., James I., Thomas B. and Hannah Decker, all of whom have passed away with the exception of James I., the father of Joseph W. In 1823 Thomas Vause sold his property in Clark County and removed to Franklin County, where both he and his wife died, at their home near Lockbourne.

James Inskeep Vause was born September 12, 1827. Since 1858 he has been a resident of Harrison township, Pickaway County, having purchased the homestead farm from Joseph Renick, in 1857. On November 7, 1854, he was married to Eliza Wright, who was born April 17, 1827, in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and died June 25, 1878, aged 51 years, 2 months and 8 days. She was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Platter)

Wright, the former of whom was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to the United States prior to his marriage. The children born to James and Eliza (Wright) Vause were five in number, as follows: Sarah Elizabeth, born October 17, 1856, who died aged 8 years, 10 months and 17 days. Joseph Wright, of this sketch; William Thornton, born January 5, 1860, who died March 29, 1861; James Edward born July 24, 1863; and Mary Agnes, born September 12, 1865, who married I. J. Swayer, of Harrison township, and has two sons—Herbert Edwin and Ray Vause. The only brother of our subject is a civil engineer by profession. He was educated at the Ohio Normal University at Ayl, then located in South Dakota, removed to Sioux City, Iowa, thence to Chicago and is now established at Milwaukee. He married Ella Conner, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on March 24, 1896.

Joseph Wright Vause was educated in the district schools of Harrison township and has devoted his whole life to farming on the family estate. He has always resided with his father and assisted in the management of the 600 acres of fine land which they have so successfully cultivated. Mr. Vause devotes about 100 acres to corn and wheat and realizes from 3,000 to 3,500 bushels of corn and about 1,500 bushels of wheat. Much attention is given to the raising of good stock and this has long been a feature here.

On August 12, 1878, Mr. Vause was married to Luey Swartz, who was born in Pickaway County, and is a daughter of Jacob and Naney (Reed) Swartz, old residents of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Vause have had four children, as follows: Orville R., who married Cleo Baum, daughter of W. C. Baum, of Harrison township, and is engaged in farming on the homestead; Benjamin, who is also a farmer on the home place; Lydia, who died March 15, 1905, aged 22 years; and Gladys, who is at home.

Mr. Vause is one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the northern section of the county and follows modern methods and utilizes modern machinery. The modern farmer, more than almost any other business

man, must have a working understanding of half a dozen professions, the time having gone by when farming means nothing more than sowing and reaping and the chance additions to the herds in the fields. The prosperity which has been marked on the Vause estate shows very conclusively the value of the methods employed here. In addition to agricultural prominence, the family has always stood high in the social circles of Harrison township and in every way represents its best citizenship.

PETER B. PONTIOUS, one of Salt Creek township's representative men and old and honored citizens, has resided on his present farm of 102 acres, situated in section 31, for almost a half century, coming here in 1858. He belongs to a family which came very early to Ohio, bringing his habits of Pennsylvania thrift. He was born in Ross County, January 8, 1832, and is a son of Andrew and Mary (Betzer) Pontious. The grandfather of Peter B. Pontious was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and removed thence to Ross County, Ohio, where he engaged in farming in Green township.

Andrew Pontious was born in Ross County, Ohio, was there engaged in farming all his life, and died there in February, 1880. He married Mary Ann Betzer, who was also born in Ross County, and they had 12 children, the six survivors being: John R., of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Frederiek B., of Lawrence, Kansas; Peter B., of this sketch; Jane, wife of Reuben May, of Ross County, Ohio; Sarah, wife of Martin Socin, of Chillicothe; and Andrew J., of Salt Creek township.

Peter B. Pontious spent boyhood and youth in Ross County, attending the best schools in his neighborhood, and learning the practical facts about farming and stock-raising on his father's farm. Agricultural pursuits have continued to be his business and pleasure all his life and his well-cultivated farm testifies to the careful tillage it has received.

On September 1, 1856, Mr. Pontious was




MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL W. MILLER AND SON.

married to Mary E. Frederick, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 31, 1835, and is the only surviving member of the family of three children born to her parents, who were Peter and Catherine (Zimmerman) Frederick. The father of Mrs. Pontious was born in Seneca County, Ohio, and the mother in Ross County; they were early settlers in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, where they died.

Mr. and Mrs. Pontious had seven children born to them, the six survivors being: Winfred C., of Salt Creek township; Olive E., of Columbus; Harlan A., of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Kate E., wife of John Spencer, of Pickaway township; Ida B., wife of Samuel Famuliner, of Salt Creek township; and William M., a business man of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Pontious has been a consistent Democrat all his life and still takes a deep interest in the issues facing the country. Both he and his wife are worthy and valued members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Whisler, Ohio. He is an elder in the church and one of the charter members and assisted in the erection of the present church edifice. Few residents of their locality are better known or more highly esteemed than are Mr. and Mrs. Pontious.

AMUEL W. MILLER, a prominent and substantial citizen of Pickaway County, resides on his fine estate known as "White Oak Grove Hill Farm," a finely improved property consisting of 320 acres, located in Muhlenberg township, on the Darbyville and Circleville turnpike and situated one mile south of Darbyville. Mr. Miller was born March 21, 1858, at Darbyville, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of William A. and Paulina Hill (Thompson) Miller.

Mr. Miller comes of very distinguished ancestry and among his kindred are found names which carry with them the memory of brilliant gifts and solid services to their country. On

the maternal side, the great-great-grandfather of Samuel W. Miller was Thomas Lewis, most probably a native of Wales or of Welsh parentage. His three eldest sons bore the names of John, Andrew and Thomas. Of these, all were officers under General Washington in the Revolutionary War and were members of that little band who assisted their chief by their courage and advice, during the terrible winter at Valley Forge. They accompanied Washington in the New Jersey campaign and it is on record that John and Thomas Lewis were present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. Andrew Lewis' military career did not end here as we learn that he was with General Wayne in the expedition against the Indians and in this campaign lost an arm.

Thomas Lewis appears to have added statesmanlike qualities to his military valor. He was the colonial surveyor of Augusta County, Virginia, and became a member of the House of Burgesses. In 1776 he was elected a member of the Virginia Convention and in 1777 he was one of a committee appointed to treat with the defeated Indian tribes.

Col. Fielding Lewis, a son of Thomas Lewis, was associated closely with the family of George Washington. He married (first) Catherine Washington, who was a cousin of George Washington. His second marriage was to Betty Washington, a sister of George Washington, and the children of Colonel Lewis were subsequently adopted by their distinguished uncle. A great-great-uncle of Samuel W. Miller was Meriwether Lewis, the American soldier, traveler and explorer and later the Governor of Louisiana, whose exploits in the Lewis and Clark expedition have so recently been celebrated by a great Pacific city.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Miller was William Miller, who also took part in the Revolutionary War, a member of a Virginia contingent. He died in Ohio while visiting his son, William A. Miller. The latter, the father of our subject, was born at Shepherdstown, Virginia, January 3, 1818. In 1848 prior to his marriage, he came to Ohio, locating at Darbyville, Pickaway County. Here he engaged for many years in a general mer-

cantile business and became a man of substance and was held in universal esteem. During the Civil War he testified to his loyalty by generous assistance given to the government. His death occurred October 30, 1875. From being an old-line Whig, in 1852 he identified himself with the Republican party.

William A. Miller married Paulina Hill Thompson, who was born at Darbyville, Ohio, March 20, 1827, and died July 17, 1903. She was a daughter of Samuel H. and Hannah (Hill) Thompson, the former one of the pioneers of Pickaway County, and the latter a daughter of Rev. Hill, who was an early explorer and a missionary in this part of Ohio. The mother of Mr. Miller, although afforded only the meager advantages offered by the educational institutions of Darbyville in her youth, became a well-educated woman and a school teacher. The children of William A. Miller and wife were: William, who died in infancy; James D., a resident of Tacoma, Washington; Jennie T., wife of Ira W. McCollister, of Tacoma, Washington; Belle G., who died aged 17 years; George W., a merchant at Darbyville; Samuel W., of this sketch; Mary T., widow of Dr. John E. Miller, late a Representative in the General Assembly, who died May 8, 1904; and S. Arnold, a practicing physician at Lancaster, Ohio.

Samuel W. Miller resided at Darbyville until 1880. His education was obtained in the village schools at Darbyville, which were excellent for the time. When but 14 years of age, he began to teach school. After one term of teaching he entered the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, but left this institution in his sophomore year and resumed teaching. He continued to be more or less interested in educational work until 1880, when he moved to Ashville and entered into partnership with his brother, James D. Miller, in a general mercantile business, under the firm name of Miller Brothers. At a later date he bought his brother's interests and continued the business until called to official life, having been elected auditor of Pickaway County. The election occurred in 1887 and he assumed the duties of the office in 1888, removing then to Circleville, where he resided until 1891.

Mr. Miller was elected to the important office by the Republican party, overcoming the Democratic majority in Harrison township, where he then lived, by a majority of 230 votes and carrying the county by 68 votes, the Democratic majority of which usually footed up to 1,200. He was the first county auditor to have his offices in the new Court House. He entered upon the duties of the position under some discouraging conditions, the defalcation of a prominent official leaving the county a debt of \$50,000. Through the tact and fidelity of Mr. Miller, this unfortunate circumstance was so adjusted that the county lost nothing and a full account may be found on the books of the county. He left office, as he had entered, with a clean record and unblemished reputation.

During his residence at Ashville, in Harrison township, Mr. Miller was one of the incorporators of the village, was its first treasurer and served as township clerk, being the first Republican ever elected to the office.

On July 14, 1896, in Covington, Kentucky, Mr. Miller was married to Jessie Fremont Work, by Rev. J. W. Mitchell, pastor of the Eleventh Street North M. E. Church. Mrs. Miller was born December 6, 1869, in the fine old brick Work homestead, which is situated in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, near Pherson. She was educated at the Wesleyan University at Delaware. Her parents were Hon. Wesley and Catharine Work, the former of whom died November 4, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had two children, viz.: Samuel Wesley, who was born May 22, 1897, and died January 4, 1905; and Howard Work, who was born December 12, 1900.

In 1891 Mr. Miller purchased his present fine estate, which formerly was known as the William Scott place. It is one of the fine old homes for which this section of Ohio is noted. Mr. Miller devotes his time and attention to the careful operation of this valuable farm. The home is not only known in this community for its beauty and comfort, but also for its hospitality. Its fine library indicates the cultured tastes of the occupants of the home.

Mr. Miller is a leading member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, is a steward and trustee and is assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is also a teacher and has a class of 35 young men. He is very prominent in Masonry, belonging to all the higher branches, having attained the 32nd degree. He belongs also to Jumbo Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, at Darbyville and is president of the Farmers' Institute at Williamsport.

A picture of Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their son, Howard Work Miller, accompanies this sketch, being shown on a preceding page.



US. CARPENTER, one of the leading capitalists, native citizens and prominent agriculturists of Muhlenberg township, was born in this township on November 20, 1849, and is a son of Baldwin Clifton Carpenter and Anna (English), his wife.

The grandparents of Mr. Carpenter were Simon and Sally (Fee) Carpenter, natives of Virginia. From that State they moved to Kentucky and settled in Fleming County, where their son, Baldwin Clifton, was born, April 22, 1811, and his boyhood spent. He was 27 years of age when he visited Muhlenberg township, Pickaway County, for the first time. At that time he came to this locality on horseback, in charge of a drove of cattle which he sold in this vicinity. He was so pleased with the lay of the land and the agreeable climate and other conditions, that he returned shortly afterward and established his home here. For 20 years he was in a mercantile business at Darbyville, but in 1857 he sold out and in part payment took a farm of 250 acres. When Mr. Carpenter first settled in Muhlenberg township, he was a poor man and borrowed the money with which to buy cattle. For many years he bought, sold and traded and amassed a large fortune. He also was in the employ of Colonel and William Florence, who at that time were the leading capitalists of the county, and on many occasions Mr. Carpenter drove cattle, and sometimes cattle and hogs, to New York, a herd of 500 cattle being no unusual

number. At the time of his death he owned some 1,200 acres of land. During his earlier years he was a man of surprising robustness, but a fall crippled him and his later life was necessarily less active. His death occurred January 5, 1893. He was Presbyterian in religious faith.

The mother of our subject, Anna (English) Carpenter, resided in Darbyville at the time of her death, May 21, 1906, aged 77 years. The children born to Baldwin C. and Anna (English) Carpenter were: W. S., of this sketch; Theodosia, who is the widow of N. F. Kinnear, of Madison County; Thomas Henry, of Muhlenberg township; Florence, deceased at the age of three years; Simon Newton, of Mount Sterling; Job R., of Columbus; Cora, who married Dr. S. E. Boggs, is deceased; Harry B., of Ashville; and Minnie, who died in 1883, aged 11 years.

W. S. Carpenter remained with his parents until his marriage. He was educated at Darbyville. His choice of occupation being farming, his parents gave him half of a 145-acre tract of the old Judge Florence farm, and his wife's parents gave her the other half; to this Mr. Carpenter subsequently added 130 acres. He secured 870 acres from his father-in-law's homestead and he also bought adjoining property until his home farm now aggregates 1,270 acres. He also bought 177 acres on Dry Run in Monroe township and subsequently purchased the old Muhlenberg farm of 281 acres, which is located near the home farm. All his land, aggregating the grand total of 1,880 acres, is located in Muhlenberg township, with the exception of 177 acres in Monroe township, making him the largest landowner in Muhlenberg township. The place in Monroe township is known as "Locust Hill-top Farm" and formerly was the homestead of M. M. Thomas. In 1841 a fine home was built on this farm, on a high elevation, the finishing lumber for which was conveyed all the way from Chillicothe.

On the Florence farm our subject built a handsome residence. All his property is well improved with substantial buildings. In days gone by, before it was cleared, 100 acres of this land was covered with cherry, blue ash and

walnut timber. A fine lot of lumber was cut for the old Harness Renick homestead, but it was accidentally burned and for this reason lumber had to be brought from a distance. Mr. Carpenter retains the direct management of all this magnificent extent of land, but some of it he rents for the grain rent. He raises quantities of stock of all kinds and makes a feature of stockraising and grain growing.

In 1873 Mr. Carpenter was married to Alwilda Thomas, who was born at Mount Sterling, Ohio, February 2, 1854, and is a daughter of Milton M. and Urania (Loofbourrow) Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was born in Pickaway County, and Mrs. Thomas in Madison County. They were married at Columbus and moved to Mount Sterling, purchasing the Harness Renick place in 1866 and moving upon it in 1869. In 1874 they returned to Mount Sterling, where Mr. Thomas died in November, 1876, aged 51 years. For a number of years he was one of the leading men of that town. He organized and became the first president of the Farmers' Bank, which is now the First National Bank of Mount Sterling. In Muhlenberg township he was a large stock-raiser and dealer and an extensive and successful farmer. His rise from comparative poverty to affluence was through his own perseverance, industry and good management. He was left with a widowed mother and a number of brothers and sisters to care for, being the oldest son. He purchased the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter from Harness Renick and carried the money to pay for it a long distance in his saddle-bags. Through life he was looked on with esteem and respect in every community in which he lived.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were: Alwilda, who became the wife of W. S. Carpenter; Rufina, who died aged three years; Sarah Elizabeth, who died aged 18 years; Laura Alice, who married Charles McCafferty, and died June 2, 1881, aged 20 years and 5 months, leaving an infant son, Milton William, who passed away at the age of two months. Mrs. Carpenter is the only survivor of the family.

The children born to W. S. Carpenter and wife were: Florence Thomas, born August 11, 1874, who is the wife of Harness Renick, of West Virginia; Elizabeth Maude, born October 10, 1877, who is the wife of A. H. Herbert, of Steubenville, Ohio; Eva Anna, born April 4, 1880, who is the wife of Paul C. Hodges, of Columbus; Milton Scott, born July 2, 1882; Alwilda Bernice, born February 29, 1884; Baldwin Clifton, born April 10, 1886; Frank Hicks, born April 5, 1888; Ira Sanford, born July 10, 1892; and Alice Pauline, born June 27, 1895. The six youngest children all live at home. There are two little granddaughters in the family, Alice Wilda and Dorothy Eva Renick, children of Mr. Carpenter's eldest daughter.

Mr. Carpenter has always been one of the progressive and enterprising men of the township, one of the first to recognize the benefits to accrue from modern methods and inventions and to willingly promote their organization. He was helpful in the organization of the Citizen's Telephone Company, at Circleville, and has given approval to other enterprises, which in his judgment seemed likely to benefit the community. He was one of the founders of the Grange in Muhlenberg township. In political sentiment, Mr. Carpenter has always been a strong Republican, and since 1895 he has served as township treasurer and for some eight years previously as township trustee, having held the latter office four terms. He also was one of the organizers of the Darbyville Presbyterian Church and assisted in the erection of the church building. He is one of the best-known men in his section of Pickaway County.




G. JACOB, cashier of the Third National Bank of Circleville, was born in this city in 1864, and is a son of J. T. Jacob, one of the early settlers of Pickaway County, who passed away in 1874.

W. G. Jacob has spent the greater part of his life at Circleville, receiving his education in her excellent schools and in 1880 find-

ing here an excellent business opening as bookkeeper and cashier of the Second National Bank. After five years of excellent training in that institution, he accepted a position with the Third National Bank, as bookkeeper, was later made assistant cashier and since 1896 has been cashier. He is well known in financial circles and stands deservedly high.

In 1893 Mr. Jacob was united in marriage with Alice Albaugh, a daughter of the late W. H. Albaugh, who was one of the early settlers at Circleville.

Mr. Jacob belongs to the Masonic and the Elks lodges at Circleville. Both he and wife are representatives of old and honorable families of this section of the State.

EPHAS NEWHOUSE, a prominent citizen and representative agriculturist of Salt Creek township, resides on his well-cultivated farm of 95 acres, which is situated in section 19. Mr. Newhouse was born April 13, 1857, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and he is a son of Isaac and Catherine (Bear) Newhouse.


The Newhouse family came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and was established in Pickaway County by the grandfather. Isaac Newhouse spent his whole life in this township, engaged in farming, and married a member of one of the old families of the county. Of their children, these survive: Mary, wife of M. Reedy, living in Illinois; Jane, wife of Fred Pontious, living in Kansas; Julia, who married W. B. Miesse, of Stoutsville, Ohio; Catherine, who married L. J. Bookwalter, of Hallsville, Ohio; Ellen, who married Samuel Lutz, of Whisler, Ohio; George W., of Salt Creek township; Hattie, who married Samuel Parker, of Whisler; William H. lives in Salt Creek township; John, of Whisler, Ohio; and Cephas, of this sketch.

Cephas Newhouse was reared on his father's farm and obtained his primary education in the district schools of Salt Creek township and later in the public schools at Whisler. He has devoted the larger part of his life to

agricultural pursuits and on his fine farm has demonstrated what careful methods and intelligent management will do. He is counted among the prosperous farmers of his locality. He enjoys the comforts of a very pleasant home and all his surroundings indicate thrift and plenty.

On November 3, 1879, Mr. Newhouse was married to Sarah J. Lutz, who was born July 29, 1857, in Salt Creek township, and is a daughter of the late Jacob Lutz, a prominent farmer of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Newhouse have five children, namely: Leland, of Cleveland, Ohio; Clayton E., a civil engineer with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company; and Vinetta, Russell J. and Roland K., all living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Newhouse are among the leading members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Whisler, in which he is an elder and also a member of the board of trustees. He has always been interested in the work done by the Sunday-school and for a long period served as superintendent. In his political views, he is a Republican.

OLOMON C. ALLISON, one of the leading business men of Ashville, a dealer in vehicles and harness, and the special representative of the Post Buggy Company, was born near Harrison Mills, Scioto County, Ohio, and is a son of Benjamin and Caroline (Norris) Allison.

Benjamin Allison came of Scotch-Irish ancestry and was reared in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. When about 21 years of age, he came to Ohio and settled in Scioto County, where he became a landed proprietor and established a comfortable home on which his widow still resides. She was born in Carroll County, Ohio, but moved to Jackson County in girlhood, and was there married to Benjamin Allison, who died in 1891, aged 65 years. Their surviving children are: Solomon C., of Ashville; Erasmus, Charles and William, all engaged in farming in Scioto County; and Lucy, who remains at home with her mother.

Solomon C. Allison was reared in his native place and was mainly educated in what was called the White Gravel School, which he left when 17 years of age. In the following year he came to Pickaway County and entered the employ of Henry Noecker, of St. Paul, for some time, and then became a farmer for Henry P. Folsom, and while on Mr. Folsom's farm in Harrison township he was appointed township trustee to fill a vacancy. He was yet a young man but he fulfilled the duties of the office so thoroughly that he was elected trustee at the expiration of the term. In the fall of 1904, Mr. Allison embarked in his present business at Ashville, which he has carried on very successfully, having a wide acquaintance with his fellow-citizens all through his section. For 20 years he has been connected with the interests of the northern part of Pickaway County, and his business methods have commended him to the respectful consideration of all those who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Allison has a pleasant home at Ashville, having married a daughter of George and Christina Bowers, of St. Paul. They have three daughters, viz.: Ethel Marie, Elva Pearl and Lena.

Mr. Allison is an active member of the Democratic party and wields considerable influence in both township and county. He is a member of Palmetto Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Ashville.

ANDREW PARKER JAMES, a successful farmer of a fine 100-acre tract in Scioto township, has been a citizen of Pickaway County for 18 years and a resident of his present homestead for a period of about three years. He was born in Pike County, Ohio, on New Year's Day, 1850, and is a son of John and Cynthia James. His father was also a native of that county, where he was born April 3, 1812, spent his life as an honest, hard-working farmer and died in 1874. His wife, the mother of our subject, was born January 11, 1813, in Ross County, Ohio, near Chillicothe, and resides

with him, at the venerable age of 93 years.

Andrew P. James attended the schools of Pike County, and after he reached manhood followed the occupation of farming until his removal to a place near Circleville, where he resided for about seven years. He has been a resident of Scioto township for nine years past, and is known as a substantial general farmer and a raiser of such live stock as cattle and hogs.

In 1879 Mr. James was united in marriage to Maggie Butcher, daughter of Adam Butcher, and of the three children born to this union one child, Pearle is living. She is a graduate of the Circleville High School, class of 1900, and taught four years in Jackson township and two years at the Grove school, Scioto township. At present she is at home with her parents. Perley Floyd died aged three years and three months and Cynthia died on the day of her birth.

Our subject comes of a large family, who were generous, in the contribution of both service and life, to the Union cause in the dark days of the Civil War. Four of the brothers entered the service from Ohio and two of them died while in the performance of their duty. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John James, as follows: Catherine and Minerva, both deceased, who were the wives of William Kirkpatrick and Henry S. Butcher, respectively; Harriet, who married McKendrey Gordon and resides in Pike County; Cynthia Letitia (Mrs. Henry Rader), of Muhlenberg township; Maria R., the wife of Joseph Thompson, residing in Pike County; Peter, who enlisted in the 33rd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., was a prisoner at both Libby Prison and Andersonville, served throughout the war and died afterward; William K., a member of the same regiment, who died in the service at Stevenson, Alabama; John Wesley, who joined the 26th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and died in the service; Houston, a lawyer at Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma, who raised a company of the 176th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and was its captain at the front; Thomas Jefferson, who married and is now deceased; and Andrew P., of this sketch.

HENRY C. RENICK, one of the substantial citizens and fine farmers of Pickaway County, who owns one of the best farms in Jackson township, was born in this township in 1862, and is a son of John Renick, of one of the oldest families of the county, extended mention of which will be found in this work.

Henry C. Renick was reared to the age of 14 years on his native place, but the death of his father at this time caused the removal of the family to Circleville. Here he attended school until failing health prevented close application, in 1885 removing to the farm in Jackson township. In 1895 he returned to Circleville, but in 1900 he settled on his present farm in Jackson township.

In 1886 Mr. Renick was married to Emma M. Rice, who died in 1895. She was a daughter of A. C. Rice and belonged to one of the old pioneer families of this section. Three children survived, namely: Ruth M., who graduated at the Circleville High School in 1905 and subsequently also took a post-graduate course; J. Fred, a student in the Circleville High School; and Donald Van Meter, at home.

In 1898 Mr. Renick was married (second) to Catherine A. Adkins, who is a daughter of Hon. Barzillai Adkins, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Pickaway County. The two children of this union are: Louise A. and Thomas Adkins.

Politically Mr. Renick is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

ALBERT LINLEY SHOCKLY, owner of an attractive and valuable farming estate of 506 acres in Darby township, is a son of Woodson J. and Martha (Smith) Shockly. Of the other members of the parental family, a sister, Mary E., who is now deceased, married James Ballah; the elder brother, George A., married Mary J. Rector, who is deceased; while Nelson, the younger brother, died at the age of 18 years.

Our subject was born in the township of his residence on the 1st of April, 1846. As he has developed physically, mentally and in material things right in this locality, he is one of the oldest of its continuous residents and, what is far more, one of its most respected. In 1874 he married Sarah J. McKinley, who passed away on December 9th of the same year. Mr. Shockly's second union was with Josephine Dennis, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Hess) Dennis, of Monroe township, Pickaway County. Mrs. Shockly's father is deceased, but her mother still survives, being an honored resident of Monroe township. Mrs. Shockly has one brother, George W., and one sister, Effie.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Shockly—Clarence W., Ethel, Ruth, Albert Vernon and Mary E. The family homestead consists of a fine tract of about 73 acres on the Five Points road, the residence beautifully shaded by pine trees. Mr. Shockly also owns another farm of 150 acres and the old home farm of 282 acres near Derby. He purchased his homestead in 1893 and has so improved it that it is one of the nicest pieces of property in the locality.

As a member of the School Board, Mr. Shockly has taken an active and a practically useful interest in the educational matters of his township. Mrs. Shockly is a faithful Methodist.

PERRY ALDENDERFER, township clerk of Salt Creek township, is a representative of an old family of this section and is a well-known and popular citizen. He was born October 2, 1870, in Salt Creek township, and is a son of Samuel and Leah (Harmon) Aldenderfer, the former of whom was a son of Henry Aldenderfer, who came from Pennsylvania and was a pioneer settler in Salt Creek township.

For many years the late Samuel Aldenderfer was one of the valued citizens of his locality. He was born in Pickaway County and spent his long and exemplary life in Salt Creek township, where he died July 12, 1881. He was prominent in the political affairs of the township. His widow, whose maiden

name was Leah Harmon, still survives. The two surviving members of their family are: William H., of Columbus, and Perry, of this sketch.

Perry Aldenderfer was reared and educated in Salt Creek township, where he has always been interested in agricultural pursuits. On January 9, 1900, he was united in marriage with Minnie Spangler, who is a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Goodman) Spangler, of Tarlton. They have one daughter, Florence, who was born June 27, 1902. Mr. Aldenderfer was reared in the Lutheran Church.

Politically, Mr. Aldenderfer has always been staunch in his support of the Democratic party and on numerous occasions appreciation has been shown by his election to various local offices. He is now serving his first term as township clerk and is one of the most popular officials the township has ever had. This office includes the duties of the clerk of the township School Board. Mr. Aldenderfer has been identified with the Odd Fellows at Tarlton for a long period and has served as deputy grand master. He belongs also to the lodge of Knights of Pythias at Stoutsville.

ROBERT PHERSON, whose valuable farm of 74 acres is situated in Muhlenberg township, is a prominent farmer of this section and belongs to one of the leading families of Pickaway County. He was born near Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, March 28, 1853, and is a son of George and Elmira (Van Sickle) Pherson.

Extended mention of this prominent old family of this part of Ohio will be found in another part of this work, in the sketch of Isaac A. Pherson. The parents of Mr. Pherson were born in Perry County, Ohio, and lived there until 1875, when the father brought his family to Pickaway County and purchased a farm of 412 acres in Muhlenberg township. Here he lived until his death in 1880.

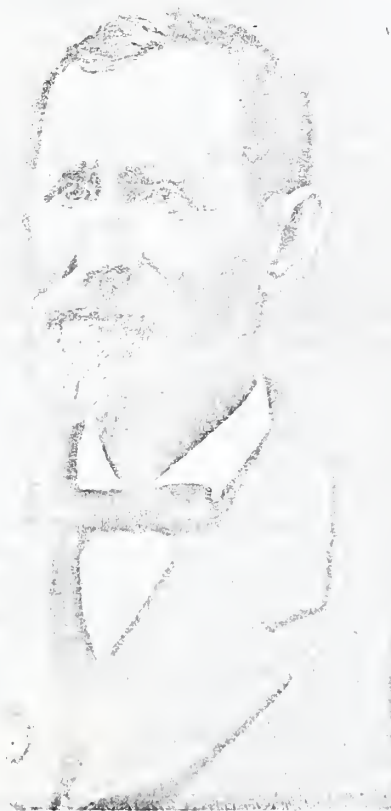
Robert Pherson is the third member of a family of 10 children. He was reared on the home farm and was educated in the local schools. From his father's estate he inherited

48 acres. Prior to coming into possession of this property, he bought 200 acres in Monroe township, which he improved and on which he lived until his father's death, when he sold the property and took up his residence on his present farm. This he operates and rents 266 acres adjoining his own property so that his agricultural operations are carried on on a large scale. In 1890 he erected his handsome home residence and substantial barn, with other buildings, and has one of the most attractive homes of the locality.

In 1877 Mr. Pherson was united in marriage with Martha Ridenour, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, February 26, 1854, and is a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Rousculp) Ridenour, natives of Pennsylvania, of German extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Pherson have had these children: Walter E., of Muhlenberg township, who married Jessie West; Frank, a promising child, who died of typhoid fever, at the age of six years; Elbert, living at home; Owen, a bright, handsome, manly youth of 19 years, who died December 25, 1902, from the effects of an accidental discharge of his gun while hunting; Grace, who married Sherman Downs, of Monroe township, and has one child—Charles Robert; and Ellen, George, Robert and Rilla, all at home.

Mr. Pherson was reared a Republican but he has been identified with the Prohibition party for some time. During his residence in Monroe township, he was township trustee and has served some 20 years on the School Board in Muhlenberg and Monroe townships. He is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pherson, a steward, trustee and for more than 20 years has filled the difficult position of superintendent of the Sunday-school. Like other members of his family, he is held in universal esteem.

NORMAN PYLE, whose well-cultivated farm of 125 acres, is located near Salem, in Pickaway township, was born near Kingston, in Ross County, Ohio, August 18, 1860, and is a son of William and Jane A. (Gill) Pyle. The Pyle family was established in Ross




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County in pioneering days, by Thomas Pyle, the paternal grandfather. Both parents of our subject were born in Ross County, where the father died in 1900. The venerable mother resides at Kingston, Ohio.

Norman Pyle spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm near Kingston, Ross County, and was educated in neighboring schools. He was trained along agricultural lines and has always been a farmer and stock-raiser. Prior to settling on his present farm, in 1906, he resided on the large farm of Charles F. Smith, of Chillicothe, near Emmett's Chapel, in Pickaway township.

On August 22, 1889, Mr. Pyle was married to Ella Hard, who was born at Berlin, Ohio, September 13, 1859. Her parents were Rev. S. and Margaret (McDowell) Hard, the latter of whom was born in Vinton County, Ohio. The father was formerly a resident of Berlin and later, of Chillicothe. When Mrs. Pyle was 13 years of age, her parents settled in the latter city, where she was educated. Later she taught school in Ross County. Mr. and Mrs. Pyle have had two sons, the one surviving being William N., who was born September 13, 1891. The other, Lloyd M., is deceased. Mrs. Pyle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kingston.

Mr. Pyle is not an active politician, but he takes a deep interest in the civilizing elements of church and public school and casts his vote for those candidates most likely to advance these interests. At one time his father was one of the commissioners of Ross County.

 ALEXANDER C. BELL, president of the Third National Bank of Circleville, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is one of the prominent citizens and leading capitalists of Pickaway County. Mr. Bell was born August 22, 1830, in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of William and Catherine (Caldwell) Bell.


The Bell family is of Irish extraction but has many representatives in America and the

name is notably associated with business enterprise and mental ability. William Bell, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland on August 13, 1802, and two years later was brought to America by his father, James Bell. The latter settled in Pennsylvania and engaged in farming until 1812, when the whole family came to Pickaway County, Ohio. James Bell and wife had eight children. William Bell was reared to agricultural pursuits and passed the greater part of his life as a farmer in Walnut township. He served as captain of a local militia company for a time. His death occurred April 30, 1851, at the age of 41 years. He married Catherine Caldwell, who was born in Ohio on March 24, 1802, and died December 16, 1889. She was a daughter of Alexander Caldwell, who was born in Ireland and was an early settler in Ohio. Both William Bell and wife were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: James, Jane, Alexander C., Ruth, William Thomas, Catherine, Caroline S. and an infant, the only survivors being the subject of this sketch and Caroline S.

Alexander C. Bell was not able to enjoy the educational advantages in his youth which he has given his own children. He was reared among pioneer conditions and the death of his father, when he was but 19 years old, placed responsibilities upon his shoulders before he was scarcely able to support them. His father had left a farm of 200 acres and he inherited one-fifth. After purchasing the interest of the two sisters, the three brothers formed a partnership and operated the farm together for a number of years. They were all young men of industry and kept adding to their land until the amount became very large; when it was subsequently divided, our subject took the farm in Circleville township on which he resided for many years. He kept on accumulating land until he owned 1,500 acres, in Circleville, Walnut and Jackson townships. This land he has distributed among his children. For many years his rural home was considered one of the best improved places in the township and here he carried on large farm and cattle-raising operations, making a specialty of Shorthorns.

Mr. Bell was united in marriage (first) on October 25, 1855, to Minerva R. Reber, who was born March 5, 1834, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and was a daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Allen) Reber, prominent old settlers of Wyandot County. Mrs. Bell died October 15, 1875. Mr. Bell was married (second) on September 17, 1885, to Mrs. Sally E. Valentine, who was born in Circleville, Ohio, a daughter of the late Bentley Groce. Mrs. Bell died in March, 1886. Mr. Bell's children—all by the first marriage—were: Thomas R., of Circleville; Lucy K., who married John D. Newton, of Circleville, and at her death left two daughters and one son; Clara, wife of Benjamin Renick, of Circleville; Charles, of Pickaway County; Flora, wife of Charles Van Meter, of Paducah, Kentucky; Rachel, wife of Arthur McNeil Wiegand, of Pickaway County; Lyman A., at home; Mettie, wife of Robert Hinkle, of Tennessee; and Anna O., wife of Edward A. Brown, an attorney of Circleville.

In politics Mr. Bell is a staunch Democrat. In the fall of 1887 he was elected county commissioner of Pickaway County and was honored by re-election in the fall of 1890. He was one of the organizers of the Third National Bank of Circleville, became one of its first directors and for the past two years has been its president. This financial institution stands very high, Mr. Bell's honorable name at the head of it lending influence and inspiring confidence.

EORGE L. HOLDERMAN, a member of one of the old pioneer families of Pickaway County, and a successful agriculturist of Pickaway township, where he owns the old homestead farm, which is situated in section 23, was born here June 21, 1873, and is a son of William and Mary M. (Earnest) Holderman.

The father of George L. Holderman was born in Salt Creek township and the mother in Pickaway township, Pickaway County. The father died in 1892, but the mother still sur-

vives and resides with her son, George L. The great-grandfather and grandfather of our subject were among the very first settlers in Salt Creek township, being among the first to fell the trees, to cut out the roads and to bridge the streams.

Wilson Holderman, father of George L., was long one of Salt Creek's leading business men. He was an extensive farmer and also engaged in the buying and shipping of livestock and finally made this his main occupation. He married Mary M. Earnest, a native of Pickaway County and a daughter of Samuel Earnest, who for many years resided in Pickaway township. To this union were born four children, the three survivors being: Harry E., of Kingston; George L., of this sketch; and Jennie, wife of Samuel P. Rodgers, who is engaged in a general mercantile business at Patrick, a suburb of Charleston, West Virginia. Wilson Holderman voted with the Republican party. He was liberal and public-spirited and promoted the welfare of his home locality to the extent of his power. He gave generously to charity and to the Presbyterian Church at Kingston, of which his widow is a valued member.

George L. Holderman laid the foundation of his education in the district schools of Pickaway township, later attending school at Kingston and subsequently becoming a student in the Ohio State University at Columbus. After entering into business he resided for one year at North Bend, Nebraska, where he engaged very successfully in buying and shipping cattle, going from there to Chicago, Illinois, where he lived for a short time. He finally returned to the homestead farm in Pickaway township, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since.

Mr. Holderman was married (first) to Minnie Hanawalt, a native of Frankfort, Ohio, by whom he has one daughter—Bessie M. Mr. Holderman was married (second) to Bessie Terry, of Kingston, Ohio.

In politics Mr. Holderman is affiliated with the Republican party. He is an energetic, enterprising young man and occupies a large place in the confidence and esteem of his fel-

low-citizens, being always ready to assist in movements calculated to benefit his township and county.

THOMPSON B. WRIGHT, A. M., M. D., of Circleville, is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this part of the State. He was born at Circleville in August, 1864, and is a son of Charles E. and Lovina (Thompson) Wright.

The late Charles E. Wright was one of the most prominent men of Pickaway County. He was a member of the manufacturing firm of Haswell, Wright & Company, and for many years was connected with the old Scioto Bank. He was born at Baltimore, Maryland. His death occurred in 1877, the cause being the hardships he endured during his service as a lieutenant in Company A, 114th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., during the Civil War. He married Lovina Thompson, who was a daughter of Jesse C. Thompson, who was one of the early settlers in Pickaway County. Dr. Thompson located at South Bloomfield in 1837 and practiced medicine there until his death in 1889. He was widely known for his skill and he was probably the first practitioner in the West to perform what is known as the Caesarean operation. At that stage of surgery it was a wonderful feat and the successful termination of the operation won Dr. Thompson great reputation. He married Emily Sage, who was a daughter of Harley H. Sage, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Dr. Wright has the papers pertaining to the service of the old patriot and is thus eligible to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Thompson B. Wright was reared at Circleville and after graduating at the High School entered Kenyon College and was graduated there in 1883, with the degree of A. B., in 1895 receiving the degree of A. M. In 1886 he was graduated in medicine from the Columbus Medical College. After a few months of initial practice at South Bloomfield, Dr. Wright came to Circleville and entered into partnership with his great-uncle, the late Dr. A. W.

Thompson, under the firm name of Thompson & Wright, which association continued until 1894, Dr. Thompson dying in the following year. Since then Dr. Wright has practiced alone. During the Spanish-American War, he spent nine months in the service, as a surgeon of the Fourth Regiment, Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, with the rank of captain; three months of this service were spent in Puerto Rico.

In 1888 Dr. Wright was married to Francis R. Scovil, who is a daughter of the late Lyman E. Scovil, who was one of the substantial citizens and respected men of Pickaway County. Dr. and Mrs. Wright have two daughters—Katharine H. and Frances S.

Fraternally Dr. Wright is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He still retains his Greek fraternity membership in the Alpha Delta Phi and the Phi Beta Kappa. He keeps thoroughly abreast of the times in his profession and is a valued member of the American Academy of Medicine and belongs also to the National Association of Military Surgeons. He is a member of the local pension board.

ADAM BAILEY, a prominent citizen and large farmer of Monroe township, whose farm of 200 acres is situated on the Clark's Run road, is also one of the most successful breeders of fine horses, cattle and stock in this section. Mr. Bailey was born March 29, 1847, in Ross County, Ohio, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Hyatt) Bailey.

The branch of the Bailey family to which our subject belongs came from Germany. The grandfather was Richard Bailey, who came to America and settled in Ross County, Ohio, where he bought a farm in the wilderness, paying 25 cents an acre for it. He built a substantial stone house, erecting it on the second highest hill in Ross County, and it still stands as one of the old landmarks. His wife, Catherine, was born in Pennsylvania. They had nine children, namely: Katherine (Shaner); Mary Ann, wife of Elisha Wilkins, who owned

the farm where J. Taylor now lives; Alexander; Martin; Hamilton, a physician, who outlived all his brothers; Thomas; James, father of our subject; and two who died in infancy.

James Bailey was born on the old Bailey farm in Ross County not far from Bourneville. His whole life was devoted to agriculture. He married Elizabeth Hyatt, a daughter of Reuben and Maria Hyatt, natives of Pennsylvania, who died in early life and were survived by four children, viz.: Reuben, Maria, and Elizabeth and Hannah (twins). Of this family, Reuben was adopted by a neighbor who was on the point of moving to the West, having provided one of those huge wagons covered with cotton cloth, in which the pioneers lived comfortably while transporting themselves and their belongings to distant points. Reuben Hyatt grew to manhood in the West and married; his children are comfortably established in Washington County, Iowa, and were visited by our subject recently.

Elizabeth Hyatt, who, with her twin sister, was reared as a daughter by her uncle, Jeremiah Foster, was subsequently married to James Bailey, as mentioned above. They began housekeeping on the old Bailey farm, and there all their children were born, with the exception of Susan, who was born after the family moved to Monroe township. There she married Thomas A. Taylor, of Chillicothe; she is now deceased. The other children were: Mary Ann, who married Joseph Larkin (who died a prisoner in Libby Prison, during the Civil War) and now resides at Portsmouth, Ohio—her second husband, John Dunten, is deceased; Martin, who married (first) Elizabeth Craig and (second) Mrs. Elizabeth (Smith) Ballah, of Darby township; Lavina, who married (first) John Kumamon (who died in the Civil War) and (second) R. B. Higgins, and resides in Columbus; Sarah, deceased in February, 1903, who was the wife of James Dick, of New Holland; Catherine, who married W. K. Bennett, and resides near our subject; Hannah, who married John L. Corkwell and has lived in Kansas for the past 23 years; Reuben, who married Julia Davis, of Ross County, and lives at Mount Sterling, Ohio; and Adam, of this sketch.

Adam Bailey was seven years old when the family left Ross County and moved to Pickaway, settling in Monroe township. On February 7, 1862, when 15 years old, he went to work for one of the old pioneers of Monroe township, a very prominent stockman, John Van Buskirk, and although but a lad in years he impressed Mr. Van Buskirk so favorably that he was made overseer of his farm of 800 acres. Having much to do with the raising and breeding of stock, this farm being noted for its fine stock. Mr. Bailey studied as a veterinarian and ever since has been more or less engaged in the practice of this profession. Mr. Van Buskirk also conducted a dairy and cheese factory and kept from 50 to 100 head of cattle, many horses and a large amount of other stock.

In the course of time, Mr. Bailey became almost indispensable to Mr. Van Buskirk and subsequently married Mary Van Buskirk, his employer's youngest daughter. When Mr. Van Buskirk died, 74 acres of the present Bailey farm became the property of Mrs. Bailey by will. Mr. Bailey purchased 100 acres of his present farm from the Van Buskirk heirs and later bought 26 acres from Marion Van Buskirk, his brother-in-law. It is all in one body and makes a magnificent farm. It is well watered by Clark's Run, and for stock purposes is one of the best farms in Monroe township. He has a fine field of alfalfa which he cuts four times a year as fodder for his stock. Mr. Bailey devotes a great deal of attention to sheep raising, breeds thorough-bred cattle, Poland China hogs and raises some of the best horses that have ever come from this section of the State. Among these is a noted saddle mare, that is known all over Pickaway County. His fine horse, "Diamond," took the second premium at the State Fair at Columbus. Quite recently he has suffered a heavy loss by the death of a fine stallion, "Rigor," which was celebrated all through this section. In addition to being a successful farmer, stock-raiser and veterinary surgeon, he is also an inventor and has patented a small device which renders corn-husking an easy matter.

On September 20, 1868, Mr. Bailey was married (first) to Mary Van Buskirk. Her



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father died in October, 1872, and later, in the following year, on account of an epidemic of typhoid fever, the whole family left Monroe township and moved into Mount Sterling. All the family had an attack but no lives were lost as they had nurses and good medical care, while scarcely any of their neighbors in the country escaped a death in the family. Mr. Bailey purchased a house at Mount Sterling and the family expected to remain in it but a few months, but the months were prolonged until their period of residence there covered 22½ years. In February, 1897, Mr. Bailey moved back to the farm. In December, 1893, Mrs. Mary Bailey died and he was married (second), on February 7, 1897, to Margaret Fletcher, who is a daughter of Peter and Mary (Benns) Fletcher, of Ross County. The other members of Peter Fletcher's family are: Anna; Mary, wife of William Hays; Frank; William; and Ella. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher still reside on their farm in Ross county.

Mr. Bailey has two sons, Walter Harry, born to his first marriage, and Clark A., born to his second marriage, the latter, on January 7, 1906. Walter Harry Bailey owns a fine farm of 50 acres in Monroe township. He was born at Mount Sterling, Ohio, January 27, 1877. He was given excellent educational advantages and was one of the brightest students that graduated from the Mount Sterling High School. He then worked in a grocery store, later opened a bicycle repair shop and also became much interested in electricity. Probably with a view of turning his attention from the latter study, his father presented him with his present farm and stocked it and here he has resided since his marriage. On October 7, 1896, he was married to Helen Merrill, who is a daughter of Simon Peter and Mary (Gulick) Merrill. They have two children, viz.: Frederick Van Buskirk, born February 17, 1900; and Lola, born August 21, 1902. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian Church at Mount Sterling. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Bailey has always been a prominent figure in public affairs wherever he has lived. He served as a member of the Council at Mount

Sterling for 14 years and was also a member of the School Board, on which he has also served in Monroe township, at one time being its president. In 1900 he was elected township trustee and is still filling this position. Since 1875 he has been an Odd Fellow, belonging to the subordinate lodge and to the encampment. Mr. Bailey is a leading member of the Christian Church at Mount Sterling. Personally he is a man of the most exemplary character, temperate in both speech and habits, generous to the poor and kind to all those who meet him in the daily walks of life. His comfortable home is shaded by a beautiful grove of forest trees, and a prolific orchard not only furnishes a wealth of bloom but provides an abundance of delicious fruit. To the outsider it looks as if life might be delightfully passed in this beautiful, abundant home, surrounded by all that any one could ask in comfort, quiet and pleasant companionship.

JOB R. RENICK, who passed out of life on February 19, 1891, having just rounded out 71 years of exemplary, useful living, was one of the leading citizens of Jackson township, Pickaway County, where he had been born on February 9, 1820. He belonged to one of the oldest and most important families of this section of Ohio.

Although Job R. Renick had but the meagre educational advantages offered by the primitive schools of his neighborhood, he developed into a well-informed young man and in maturity was considered one of the most intelligent, thoughtful, able men of his community. A few sessions at the Athens Academy completed what the teaching in the log schoolhouse had commenced and left him with a better knowledge of books than most of his associates. At the death of his father, he came into possession of a large property and when his brother Thomas died, leaving him his heir, Mr. Renick owned some 1,200 acres of land that was particularly well adapted to stock-raising. With excellent business per-

ception, Mr. Renick decided to go into the stock business on an extensive scale and for many years raised the finest horses, Durham cattle and sheep in all Pickaway County. He followed his own methods in stock breeding and raising and his great success proved that these methods were excellent.

While the greater part of his attention was devoted to this part of his business, he continued to invest in land as occasion offered and at the time of his death he owned probably over 1,700 acres of some of the finest land in the county. He took an honest pride in his possessions and became particularly interested in the erection of a fine new home, which, at the time, was the best ever built in Jackson township. It was completed, under his supervision, in the latter part of 1890, but his death occurred in the old home before arrangements had been concluded for the occupation of the new one.

The death of Mr. Renick was a loss to his family, by whom he was honored and beloved, and it was a loss to the community where his benevolence had often been felt and where his sound business sense had so frequently brought about public improvements of a most desirable character. His business methods were above reproach and his fortune was acquired with honesty as its foundation.

Although for years a leading Republican, Mr. Renick never desired office for himself, and when his fellow-citizens tendered the same to him, he declined the proffered honor, preferring to be an independent citizen, with time to devote his energies to his private affairs. While not a member of any church, his leanings were in the direction of the Methodist Episcopal creed, and he gave this body liberal support and even donated a site for the erection of a church edifice. He passed out of life honored and esteemed and his memory is tenderly cherished by his family and commands the respectful consideration of his fellow-citizens. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

Mr. Renick is survived by a widow and three sons. On June 8, 1875, he was united in marriage with Ella Rutter, who was born at Circleville, Ohio, and is a daughter of

Jacob and Deborah (McClelland) Rutter. Jacob Rutter was born in Virginia and came to Pickaway County in 1831. In partnership with a Mr. Rock, he went into a tailoring business at Circleville, where he continued for 12 years. Then he purchased a farm in Washington township, on which he lived one year, and a second farm in Monroe township. Later he embarked in a hardware business at Circleville, under the firm name of Rutter, Wolfley & Rains (later changed to Rutter & Wolfley upon Mr. Rains' decease), and this business was continued for a quarter of a century, being one of the leading ones in its lines at Circleville. During all these years Mr. Rutter retained possession of his farm of 241 acres in Muhlenberg township. Each year it became more valuable. Mrs. Renick is the only one living of his three children. He died at Circleville.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Renick were: Nellie, who died in infancy; Henry R., who has never married and who resides with his mother; Job E., who lives at Circleville, but will soon move to his farm in Jackson township; and John J., also a resident of Circleville, who expects, however, to remove to his farm in Jackson township in the coming fall. They are all large property owners.


Prior to the death of Mr. Renick, Mrs. Renick's only connection with business was the sympathy and approval she naturally felt at her husband's unusual success. His decease left her with many business responsibilities and, to the surprise of herself and friends, she has developed into one of the shrewdest and most capable business managers in this section. She still continues to reside on the old Renick farm in Jackson township, which has been in the possession of the Renick family since 1802. On this farm have been discovered many Indian relics of an interesting character and there is still standing the ruins of an old Indian fort which has been locally called "Johnnie's Camp."

After Mrs. Renick had discovered her capacity for business, she decided to put a portion of her ready capital into desirable farming lands. Investing some \$40,000 in Pick-

away County realty, she became the owner of four farms, three of these being situated in Jackson township and one in Muhlenberg township. She informed herself thoroughly and bought first the John Renick farm, of 229 acres, for which she paid \$75 per acre and could easily sell for \$100 per acre. The Van Bibber farm of 226 acres is located in Jackson township and for this she paid \$42 per acre. Her son, Henry R. Renick, now has these two farms under operation. The Montgomery farm in Jackson township consists of 196 acres, for which Mrs. Renick paid \$36.60 per acre, and this is improved with a 10-room house. The Dr. Brinker farm of 136 acres is situated in Muhlenberg township and for this Mrs. Renick paid \$42 per acre. All of this land would probably bring \$100 in the open market, all of it being so well situated and, in most cases, excellently improved.

Mrs. Renick operates some 1,200 acres in Jackson township and manages it with the ability which would do credit to a farmer who had been trained from youth up. Her son, Henry R. Renick, has three farms—one of 229 acres, one of 226 acres and one of 75 acres. Job E. Renick has three farms—one of 241 acres, one of 186 acres and one of 60 acres. The third son, John J. Renick, has a farm of 600 acres, all in one body.

Mrs. Renick is one of the most highly esteemed ladies in church, business and society, in her locality. Her fine old home is fitted up with an eye both to beauty and comfort. Among her most cherished possessions are some fine old oil portraits of the family, which canvases bear the signatures of famous artists whose work may, at present, only be found in the collections of families of prominence and substance.

EORGE W. HEFFNER, M. D., physician and surgeon at Circleville, is a native of this great State, born in 1871, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, and is a son of the well-known Daniel L. Heffner, of Salt Creek township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Probably no family in Pickaway County commands a higher degree of respect than does the old pioneer family of Heffner. It was established here by Abraham Heffner, the paternal great-grandfather of Dr. Heffner, who crossed the mountains of Pennsylvania, and settled in what were then the deep forests of Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, choosing land, as did most of the first settlers, along a water-course. Here Samuel Heffner was born and lived all his life, dying on November 1, 1895. Here Daniel L. Heffner, father of Dr. Heffner, was born June 19, 1853. He became one of the county's large agriculturists.

George W. Heffner was reared on his father's farm and after completing the common-school course in his native county spent one year at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He then began the study of medicine and also commenced teaching district school and in the course of nine months was prepared to enter Starling Medical College at Columbus, where he was graduated in 1895. The next year was spent as house physician at St. Francis Hospital, after which he located in Circleville and opened an office for the practice of his profession.

In 1899 Dr. Heffner erected a substantial building on East Main street and here he has his office and a private hospital for the treatment of patients requiring special methods. His apartments are thoroughly equipped and his treatments are along modern, scientific methods, including the use of an X-Ray machine. He is one of the enthusiasts of his profession and keeps posted concerning all the advancement made therein. He belongs to the Columbus Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1897 Dr. Heffner was married to Belle M. Walling, who is a daughter of Hon. A. T. Walling, formerly member of Congress.

Dr. Heffner shows his interest in civic matters by serving on the Board of Education of the city and as secretary of the Library Board. Fraternally he is a Mason.

ALSON C. FOSTER, a representative agriculturist and reliable citizen of Pickaway township, residing on his well-improved farm of 210 acres, on the Circleville and Kingston turnpike, was born in Windham County, Vermont, September 26, 1844. He is a son of Charles and Lovina (Thompson) Foster.

The father of Mr. Foster was born at Jack-sonville, Vermont, and the mother in Franklin County, Massachusetts, both belonging to old New England families of age and standing. The paternal grandfather, Obed Foster, was a soldier in the War of 1812. The family was established in Ross County, Ohio, by Charles Foster in the fall of 1854. Charles Foster died on his farm there in 1867, aged 55 years. His three surviving children are: Alson C., Highland H. and George A., the two last named being residents of Ross County.

Alson C. Foster was reared in Ross County and was educated in the schools of Green township and the public schools at Kingston. He has made farming his chief pursuit in life and has met with very satisfying success. In the spring of 1870 he removed from Ross County to his present farm in Pickaway County, where he has made many substantial improvements and has a pleasant, comfortable home.

Mr. Foster was married (first) December 23, 1869, to Laura S. May, who was a daughter of the late Henry May, an old pioneer of Pickaway County. To this union six children were born, the five survivors being: Nellie L., wife of John Erskine, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Charles H., of Pickaway township; Frank C., of Terre Haute, Indiana; Anna T., wife of W. F. Hurst, of Athens, Ohio; and Harry H., of Columbus, Ohio. The deceased member of the family was Dr. Fred M. Foster, who was a graduate of the Ohio State Medical College at Columbus, Ohio. On May 7, 1903, Mr. Foster was married to Minnie E. Terry, who is a daughter of David Terry, of Green township, Ross County, and they have two children—Julia E. and Mary.

Mr. Foster is a Republican and is active in local politics. He has served several terms as

clerk of Pickaway township and has been a member of the School Board. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Scioto Lodge at Chillicothe.

JACOB BENNETT, a retired resident of Darbyville, who for many years was engaged in agricultural work in this county, was born June 5, 1838, in that part of Hocking County, Ohio, that was later set off as Vinton County, and is a son of Franklin and Mary (Tinkham) Bennett.

Franklin Bennett was also a native of Hocking County and was a son of Jacob Bennett, who came from New York with his family and settled in Hocking County. Franklin Bennett and his wife, who was born in Athens County, Ohio, lived in Hocking County where they were engaged in farming. After the death of Mr. Bennett, his wife remarried and passed the remainder of her days in Missouri, where she died at the advanced age of 87½ years. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Jacob, the subject of this sketch; Marcellus and Marcella (twins)—Marcellus enlisted in the 114th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and was killed at the battle of Vicksburg—Marcella married a Mr. Weed and now lives in Indiana; Jason, who went to Oregon and has never since been heard from; Avis (Ryther), who lives in Missouri; Cyrus D., lives in Montana; Lucinda, deceased during childhood.

Jacob Bennett, the subject of this sketch, grew up on his father's farm in Hocking County and received a common-school education. On August 12, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 18th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Colonel Stanley and Captain Fenton. He participated in numerous skirmishes and took part in the battle of Stone River and also in the battle of Chickamauga, subsequently serving on detached duty for a year, most of this period being spent at Chattanooga. He was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in November, 1864, and was discharged on November 9th. He



JOHN G. HAAS AND GRANDCHILDREN.

then returned to his parents and worked out by the month for one summer. He was married on August 24, 1865, to Lodema Tremain, who was born in Miami County, Ohio, July 1, 1839, and is a daughter of Edwin and Sarah Jane (Hutsell) Tremain. Mrs. Sarah Jane (Hutsell) Tremain was a native of Miami County, Ohio. After her husband's death, she moved to Pickaway County and died in Darbyville in 1896. After his marriage, Mr. Bennett rented a farm for one year and afterwards worked in a sawmill for four or five years. In 1876 he moved to a farm in Pickaway County near Darbyville and worked at farming until the time of his retirement to Darbyville, in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have had eight children, namely: Thomas Edwin, who is engaged in farming near Darbyville; Mary, of Richland County; Franklin, who lives in Columbus; David, who lives in Madison County; William, who is engaged in farming in Muhlenberg township; Sarah Jane, who lives at home; Stephen, who lives in Derby; and Lucy, who lives at home.

Mr. Bennett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, he has always been a Republican, and is at present justice of the peace. He is a member of Groce Post, G. A. R., at Circleville.

JOHIN G. HAAS, a representative agriculturist and substantial man of Walnut township, who owns 466 acres of excellent land, was born on the old homestead which he now owns, on February 15, 1837, and is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Miesse) Haas.

The parents of Mr. Haas were both born and reared in Berks County, Pennsylvania. In 1836 they were married in their native neighborhood and moved immediately to Walnut township, Pickaway County. Jacob Haas was born September 2, 1808, and died in Walnut township, February 6, 1896. His wife was born November 28, 1810, and died November 26, 1883. They reared a family of eight children, the survivors being John G., Daniel

and Benjamin, the last named of whom is a resident of Fairfield County.

John G. Haas was reared and educated in Walnut township and this locality has always been his home, with the exception of the winter of 1854-55, when he was attending college at Delaware, Ohio. After his return, he taught school in Walnut township for some eight years and also served for four years as township superintendent of schools.

On March 10, 1859, Mr. Haas was married to Harriet D. Hedges, who is a daughter of Jabez and Maria Hedges. Mrs. Haas died March 24, 1901, the mother of six children, viz.: Edward Byron, Ella, Clara, Dora, and two babes that died in infancy. Edward Byron was born June 22, 1860, and died August 16, 1891. He married Clara Peters and they had two sons—Ralph P. and John Samuel. Ella, born January 31, 1863, remains at home with her father. Clara, born July 7, 1864, married Clayton Weaver, has four children—Alice, Anna, Harriet and Mabel—and resides at the home of our subject. Dora, born September 12, 1867, married Oscar Heffner, of Walnut township and they have three children—John G., Ray Edward and Howard.

After marriage, Mr. Haas remained on the homestead for one year and then removed to the home of his father-in-law, where he operated the farm for two years. He then came to his present farm, trading a property he had previously owned and paying the sum of \$5,000 in addition. This valuable farm contains 306 acres and is finely improved. The large brick residence is one of the finest homes in the township. It stands well back from the highway and is approached by a walk leading through a row of beautiful cedar trees. Mr. Haas also owns the old homestead of 160 acres, in Walnut township.

For many years Mr. Haas has been one of the leading men of his locality. He is a prominent Democrat and was only 22 years old when he was elected to the office of township clerk. Subsequently he served as trustee and as treasurer and for six years as infirmary director. He has also served as one of the trustees of the Reber Hill Cemetery. Since

1898 he has been agent for the land owned by the Ohio State University, which at first included 1,600 acres, a part of which is situated in Illinois, requiring Mr. Haas to visit that State very frequently. He still has 619 acres of this land under his direct management, having sold advantageously \$134,000 worth of this land. All of his operations in this connection have been of the most satisfactory nature to all concerned.

In his religious views Mr. Haas is identified with the Evangelical Association, in which he has been a steward many years. He is a member of the local Grange. A group picture of the Haas family accompanies this sketch.

HOWARD JONES, M. D., a skilled and experienced physician and surgeon, at Circleville, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1853, and is a son of the late distinguished Dr. N. E. Jones. The latter was a graduate of both Hudson College and Hudson Medical College and for many years was one of the most prominent medical men of Northwestern Ohio.

Howard Jones was reared at Circleville from infancy, his parents locating here when he was less than a year old. He was reared and educated here, graduating from the Circleville High School in 1870, when he was entered as a student at Hobart College, at Geneva, New York. In 1875 he was graduated there with his degree of A. B., three years later receiving the degree of A. M. from the same institution. In 1876 he was graduated in medicine from the Ohio Medical College and subsequently took a post-graduate course at the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Jones then came to Circleville, entered into practice and also became a member of the faculty of the Columbus Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, filling the chair of ophthalmology for two years, and that of physiology for four years. The demands of a rapidly growing private practice, however, made it necessary for Dr. Jones to resign his college work and devote his whole time to his extensive Circle-

ville practice. Until 1882 he was associated with his father, but at that date the older physician retired and our subject has continued to practice alone. He is a member of the Columbus Academy of Medicine, of the American Academy of Medicine, and of the Pickaway County Medical Society. The last named organization, which is one of the oldest medical societies in the State, was incorporated by three eminent physicians of Circleville—Dr. N. E. Jones and Drs. Turney and Thompson.

In 1882 Dr. Jones was married to Mary McMullin, a daughter of the late Rev. Samuel H. McMullin, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Glendale, Ohio. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Jones are: Hildeburn J., a student at Amherst College; Lloyd H., a student in the Circleville High School; and Lillian, Eleanor and Virginia.

Politically Dr. Jones is a Republican. He served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention which nominated the late President McKinley, in 1896. Through several administrations he has been medical pension expert for Southern Ohio. Fraternally he is an Elk.

ROBERT MATHIAS HIPsher, a prominent and substantial farmer of Washington township, the owner of 752 acres of valuable land, was born in Madison township, Fairfield County, Ohio, October 10, 1833, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Young) Hipsher.

John Hipsher was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio with his parents when two years of age. His father, Mathias Hipsher, entered land in Madison township, Fairfield County, and that remained the homestead. Elizabeth (Young) Hipsher, the mother of Robert M. Hipsher, was reared near what is now known as Clear Port, Madison township, Fairfield County, and was a daughter of Robert Young, a pioneer of that county. On the paternal side Robert M. Hipsher comes of German ancestry and on the maternal is of English descent. On October 1, 1851, John Hipsher left Fairfield County, Ohio, accom-

panied by his family, for Effingham County, Illinois. There he bought a farm of 640 acres on which both he and his wife died.

Robert M. Hipsher accompanied his parents to Illinois but remained there only a short time. After his return to Ohio, he spent one year in Hocking County and in 1853 was married to Sarah Chambers, a daughter of Alexander Chambers. The latter owned a farm of 332 acres in Washington township, Pickaway County, on which he never lived and which is now the home of our subject, having been purchased by him at \$3 per acre. Mr. Chambers spent his whole life on his farm of 300 acres in Hocking County.

After his marriage, Mr. Hipsher, with his wife, removed to Illinois, where they lived for several years. Mr. Hipsher's total residence in Illinois comprised about four years. Upon returning to Ohio, they lived on the Chambers homestead in Hocking County for two years. In 1857 they came to their present farm, which, at that time, was heavily timbered. They lived for a time in a log cabin and while Mr. Hipsher was clearing the land and getting it under cultivation, the family saw something of pioneer life. Subsequently the old log cabin was torn down and a comfortable frame dwelling took its place. Mr. Hipsher is one of the largest landowners in his vicinity, his property being divided into six separate farms, each one of which has certain claims to excellence. There is one tract of 402 acres, which is divided into three farms, which were originally the George Hoffman farm, the Daniel Heffner farm and the home place. He also owns 165 acres near Oakland, in Fairfield County, 50 acres near Lancaster, in Bern township, Fairfield County, and 137 acres in Hocking County. He has carried on general farming operations on his home place and has satisfactorily rented his other properties. He has expended a large amount of money in making excellent improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Hipsher have had four children, as follows: Malissa, Jennie, Drusilla and Rhoda. Malissa married Samuel Heffner and at her death, in July, 1905, left three of her four children, viz.: Sarah, who married

Elmer Coffman and has one child, Sarah Jane, born in July, 1898; Flora, who married George Wolf; and Weldon. Jennie Hipsher married Simon Barr. Drusilla married Ananias Morris, of Circleville. Rhoda remains at home with her parents. The family is one of the most highly respected in Washington township.

JOSEPH SMITH, a successful farmer of Scioto township, was born in Goodhope township, Hocking County, Ohio, July 24, 1853. His father was a farmer, he was trained to agricultural pursuits, and his entire life has been devoted to the avocation whose results form the basis of the wealth of the United States. Mr. Smith attended the district schools of his neighborhood and assisted on the family homestead until he was 20 years of age, after which he worked out as a farm hand until 1883. In that year he began farming for himself near Pleasantville, Fairfield County, this State, continuing in that locality for the succeeding 10 years.

In 1893 Mr. Smith removed to the Ford farm, in Scioto township, about a mile and a quarter from his present location, and remained there for five years, since which time he has been operating the well-known H. H. Seeds farm of 155 acres. As a portion of the land is given up to crops of corn, wheat and oats and a portion to the raising of cattle, he is engaged in what may be called mixed farming.

Mr. Smith's wife was before marriage Elizabeth Asbell, daughter of William and Almeda Asbell, and by her he has become the father of the following seven children: Arthur E. and William, living at home; Cora, wife of Prentiss Seeds, residing at Orient; Alma, wife of Curtiss Ryerson, of Columbus; Josie Lee, wife of Oscar Bethards, a resident of Orient; and Sadie and Grace, who live at home with their parents.

Mr. Smith is active and influential in the politics of the county, and a staunch supporter of Democracy. He has served as township trustee for several terms—once by appointment

and twice by election—and has been a member of the School Board for a period of six years. He was once honored by election as a delegate to a county convention, but declined to serve on the ground that he had not been a resident of the county for a sufficient length of time to be entitled to such representation.

The father of Mr. Smith, who was a native of Virginia, came to this State when a young man, and died about 35 years ago, at the age of 73 years. His mother was born in Guernsey County, this State, and died in 1893, at the more advanced age of 82.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HILL, a well-known resident and highly respected citizen of Muhlenberg township, resides with his venerable mother on the homestead farm of 100 acres which is situated on the Bloomfield and Darbyville turnpike. He belongs to an old pioneer family of this section and was born on the farm where he now lives March 12, 1856. He is a son of William L. and Susan (Gilliland) Hill.

The Hill family and many of its kindred belong to old established families of Virginia, many of whom, after the final adjustment of the difficulties growing out of the War of 1812, sought new homes and better opportunities for their children, in unsettled sections of Ohio. In 1815 a large colony of neighbors and relatives started from Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia), for the Ohio River, their covered wagons, one after the other, making a long train. At Wheeling the whole colony was conveyed across the broad river on a ferryboat, and on Ohio soil they again took to their wagons. With many adventures, they finally reached their destination on Darby Creek, in Pickaway County. In the many changes of fortune which have attended the Hill family, they have never forgotten the useful service done them by the old wagon and a part of it is still kept as a relic surrounded with a sentimental interest.

Probably the oldest member of the colony was Le Roy Hill, the great-grandfather of our

subject. With him came Judge William Florence, who had previously visited this section as far back as 1806, had entered several thousand acres of land on Darby Creek and then had returned to tell his neighbors and friends the locality's advantages, which doubtless had much to do with the united migration. Col. Elias Florence, son of Judge Florence, became the largest landowner in the county.

Capt. William Hill, son of Le Roy, was born in Virginia, accompanied his father to Pickaway County in 1815 and lived here until his death at the age of 70 years. His estate of 700 acres of land was divided among the six of his eight children that grew to maturity.

William L. Hill, son of William and father of Frank Hill, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia), June 23, 1800. He was therefore a youth of 15 years when his parents and neighbors came to Darby Creek, in November, 1815. Settlement was made on the left bank of the creek, opposite Darbyville. At that time the whole country was a forest in which game and many wild beasts abounded, it not being a very unusual occurrence to shoot bears and wolves. Deer were plentiful and venison was no unaccustomed dainty in the larders of the pioneers. Turkeys were also in abundance. Almost every male member of the early settlers' families became good sportsmen. The clearing of their large bodies of land became an immediate duty and William L. Hill, after receiving his portion from his father, a tract of 100 acres, began to make a clearing, but subsequently exchanged it with a brother, gaining in this way the land now occupied by his widow and sons, Henry C. and Benjamin Franklin. The property at one time comprised 175 acres. During his long life here, Mr. Hill succeeded in clearing nearly all of it. His death occurred April 19, 1881. In political belief he was first a Whig, and when party changes came about he was first a Know-Nothing and later a Republican. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

On April 4, 1833, William L. Hill was united in marriage with Susan Gilliland, who was born October 5, 1816, in Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio. This venerable lady

who still survives has passed the whole of her 90 years in the vicinity of her birthplace, with the exception of one year spent in Champaign County, Illinois. She is a daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Thomas) Gilliland.

Capt. John Gilliland was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, and was the youngest of nine children born to his father, Samuel Gilliland. Three of the sons of Samuel Gilliland served in the War of 1812—Nathaniel, Samuel and Hugh. At the time of Hull's surrender at Detroit, they were serving there and much against their will they were compelled to give up their arms. The two other sons, John and Andrew, remained at home; the former gained his title of captain as a commander of the Ohio State militia.

Captain Gilliland was 18 years of age when he came to Pickaway County, preceding his parents. He picked out a desirable home for them and they later settled on it and spent the rest of their lives here. Captain Gilliland owned 550 acres, which he had well stocked. After the death of seven of his 13 children, he sold out his land in Pickaway County and went to Champaign County, Illinois, where he died aged 60 years. His widow and children later went to Missouri and those who continued with the mother finally located in Kansas.

Captain Gilliland married Elizabeth Thomas, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, of Virginia parentage. Their children were: Enoch, deceased; Nancy; Elizabeth, who died young; Susan, the mother of our subject; Nathaniel, who died young; Andrew Jackson, deceased, late a resident of Kansas, who served during the Civil War as a member of the Seventh Regiment, Illinois Vol. Cav.; David, who died young; John, who died aged seven years; Robert, who died young; Hugh, of Missouri; Lacy Ann, of Kansas; and Mary Jane, of Missouri.

To William L. Hill and wife were born nine children, as follows: Albert, now a resident of Kansas, who was a soldier during the Civil War, a member of the 45th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf.; Sarah (Hankins), of Chillicothe; Kate (McKinley), of Harrisburg, Ohio; Coleman, also a member of the 45th Regiment,

Ohio Vol. Inf., who died in prison; Henry C., now residing at home, who was the first of the sons to enlist in the Union Army—he served three years in Company A, 45th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and also in the State militia; Annie (Litton), of Ashville; Elizabeth (Hott), of Pickaway County; Benjamin Franklin, our subject; and Mary J. (Goss), of Columbus. Henry C. is the manager of the home farm for his mother, who is still a lady of remarkable strength of both mind and body. Born at a date which reaches far back in the history of our country, she has lived to witness its most wonderful developments. She is intelligently interested in all that concerns the country, her neighborhood and especially her family.

Benjamin Franklin Hill, our immediate subject, has always resided in the old home with his mother. He was reared and educated in Muhlenberg township. During his younger years he assisted in farming, but his tastes and talents do not lie in that direction. From boyhood he showed a mechanical turn of mind which developed into a strong desire for working with tools, resulting in his learning the carpenter's trade. This he has followed for 23 years and has a well-equipped shop on the home farm. Politically Mr. Hill is a Republican, but he has never been willing to accept any office.




W. PLUM, one of the popular officials of Pickaway County—the efficient county clerk—is also a member of the well-known insurance firm of Hummel & Plum, of Circleville. He was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of William and Mary C. (Smith) Plum.

William Plum was born in Franklin County, Ohio, and settled in Pickaway County in 1865, where he engaged in large farming and stock dealing operations. He died in 1888, his wife having passed away previously.

H. W. Plum was liberally educated, first in the country schools, then in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and Ohio University at Athens. Following this he taught school for

12 years throughout Pickaway County and for five years was superintendent of schools at Tarlton. For six years he was a member of the County Board of School Examiners and is well known all through this section of the State in educational circles. In 1903 he embarked in the fire and life insurance business in partnership with Mr. Hummel; the firm represents eight fire insurance companies and the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of New Jersey. In 1903 he was elected clerk of the courts of Pickaway County and assumed the duties of the office on August 1, 1904.

Fraternally Mr. Plum is associated with Circleville Lodge, B. P. O. E. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.


 AMUEL J. IRWIN, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Tarlton, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, December 1, 1865, and is a son of George A. and Sue (Young) Irwin.

The paternal grandfather of Dr. Irwin, John E. Irwin, came to Circleville, Ohio, at an early day, the family being an old and well-established one of Pennsylvania. George A. Irwin, the father of Dr. Irwin, was a very prominent citizen of Circleville and was twice the choice of his party for mayor of that city. For years he was interested in the milling business there, prior to that time having been an extensive farmer in Walnut township. His death occurred at Circleville.

Samuel J. Irwin completed his high school course at Circleville, graduating on June 14, 1883. In the fall of that year he began the study of medicine with Dr. George T. Row, of Circleville, with whom he continued for several years and then entered the Medical College of Ohio, now known as the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, where he was most creditably graduated in March, 1887. In the following year he located at Tarlton, where he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. During the first administration of President Cleveland, he served as pension examiner of Pickaway County.

In November, 1889, Dr. Irwin was married to Helen E. Ballard, a daughter of the late James Ballard, of Tarlton, a well-known citizen who died in 1891. Dr. and Mrs. Irwin have four daughters, viz.: Mary L., Marion B., Pauline and Maxine E.

Politically Dr. Irwin is a Democrat. Fraternally he belongs to Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Circleville, and is a 32nd degree Mason. For nine years he has been a member of Company F, Sixth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and for the last four years held the rank of 1st lieutenant in this company. Dr. Irwin is a public-spirited citizen and is always ready to promote the best interests of the town. He has served as a member of the board of directors of the Tarlton Special School District and has paid close attention to the work coming before this body. With his wife he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

 ILLIAM B. WEGERLY, who operates a fine farm in Washington township, was born in Ross County, Ohio, February 9, 1856, and is the oldest child of Adam and Amelia (Schlager) Wegerly.

Adam Wegerly is still living and owns the farm of 350 acres which his son William B. operates for him. He is the father of six children: William B., our subject; John V., born August 14, 1857, who is single and lives on the home farm; Milton B., born February 25, 1859, who married Matilda Kellstadt and has one child—Shirley; Margaret Alice, born January 22, 1861, who married John Lamparter of Circleville and has one child—John; Franklin A., born March 20, 1863, who married Clara Evans and lives on a part of the home farm, in Circleville township; and LaFayette, born September 11, 1880, who is practicing law at Circleville, being a member of the firm of Lindsay & Wegerly.

William B. Wegerly is the only one of the family born in Ross County. When he was two years of age, his parents moved to Pickaway County and settled on a farm of 260 acres in Perry township, where they lived for

several years. After selling the farm, his father bought a farm of 260 acres in Circleville township, a portion of which is now owned by Henry Hulse. In 1866 Adam Wegerly purchased a tract of land four miles north of Circleville on the Walnut Creek turnpike, where he and the members of his family living at home reside, having removed thither in 1890.

ELMER ELSWORTH SMITH, one of the representative business men of Ashville, was born January 30, 1862, in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Reuben and Eliza A. (Glick) Smith.

Mr. Smith comes of honest old Pennsylvania stock, families whose integrity was as solid as the enduring hills where they were nurtured. At a very early day both the Smiths and the Glicks settled in Madison township, Pickaway County. Reuben Smith, father of Elmer E. Smith, was born in Madison township and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Hall) Smith and a grandson of John Smith. He still survives, in his 85th year, and spends his time between Ashville and the homes of his children throughout Madison township. His wife passed away in January, 1897, at the age of 69 years. Their children were: Mary C., deceased, who was the wife of William Plum; Mima L., wife of E. M. Teegardin, of Coffey County, Kansas; Jacob S., of Ashville; Sarah D., wife of W. H. Rohr, of Columbus; Minerva L., wife of J. J. Rohr, of Springfield, Ohio; Martin Luther, of Lancaster, Ohio; Solomon Orlando, of Madison township; Emma K., wife of W. D. Nothstine, of Madison township; Seymour M., of Duvall, this county; Addie F., widow of S. S. Smith, of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Elmer Elsworth, of this sketch; and Birdie V., wife of Lester E. Hickie, of Pittsburg. The father of this family followed farming all his active life. Prior to the death of his wife, they celebrated their "Golden Wedding." In politics he has always been a supporter of the Democratic party. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Elmer Elsworth Smith was educated in

the local schools, the Normal School at Lithopolis, and was graduated at the Pleasantville Academy, in 1890. He then entered the educational field and for 13 years was a teacher in Pickaway County, and for two years in Fairfield County, during which time he taught one year in the Lithopolis High School. In 1893 he was called to Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, to accept an official position in the Philadelphia House of Refuge, where he remained for almost 12 years, during eight of which he was record clerk and for the last four years, acting assistant superintendent.

In November, 1904, Mr. Smith left Glen Mills and came to Ashville, where in partnership with George M. Hickie, of Lancaster, he opened up a large department store. It has been enlarged into one of the leading stores of its kind in Pickaway County, carrying a very large and complete stock, which is handled with the good judgment and the unfailing courtesy which has made the enterprise successful.

On January 30, 1888, Mr. Smith was married to Mary S. Freibely, who is a daughter of Lewis and Maggie A. (Courtright) Freibely, of Fairfield County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Jebb Horton, who was born June 8, 1895. Mr. Smith belongs to the Lutheran Church, while Mrs. Smith is a Presbyterian.

Fraternally Mr. Smith is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Pickaway Lodge, No. 747. Politically he is in perfect accord with the Democratic party, has always been more or less interested in public matters since attaining his majority and has been sent as a delegate to important conventions. Both as business man and as citizen he stands very high in public esteem throughout Pickaway County.



CHARLES J. DELAPLANE, a prominent and representative member of the Pickaway County bar, whose home has always been located in Circleville, his native city, was born here in 1846, and is a son of Samuel Delaplane, formerly a prominent merchant at Circleville, who died in 1856.

He secured his literary training in his native place, studied law and in 1867 was graduated at the Cincinnati Law School. He immediately opened an office at Circleville, where he has continued to practice, although for the past few years not so continuously, on account of poor health. During his most active years he served as solicitor of Circleville for two terms and as prosecuting attorney of Pickaway County for a like period. During his administration of the office he was noted for the fearlessness with which he protected the interests entrusted to him, but he was never accused of the professional vanity which has marked the official life of many members of both bench and bar. His clients were of the best. In addition to professional duties, Mr. Delaplane was secretary and treasurer of the Circleville Light & Power Company, for some 12 years.

Mr. Delaplane was married to Mary Theime, who was born in Waverly, Ohio, and they have three daughters, viz.: Mary Louise, Ruth and Alice. Mr. Delaplane holds fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Foresters and Elks.

CHRIS. A. WELDON, one of the leading members of the bar at Circleville, who is also identified with successful business enterprises and is a member of the large grain dealing firm of Boggs & Weldon, at Elmwood, was born in 1873 at Circleville. He is a son of Christopher Weldon.

The father of our subject was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, but was reared in Madison County and passed a large portion of his active business life in the grocery and grain trade at Circleville.

Chris. A. Weldon was reared in Circleville and graduated from the Circleville High School in 1892. He then took up the study of the law and in 1894 was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, in 1895 entering upon the practice of his profession at Circleville. In 1896 he was elected city solicitor and served one term. In 1903 he was nominated by the Republican party for probate judge, but was

defeated at the polls by a small majority. Mr. Weldon has served his party faithfully and is fully in its confidence. He has served some five years as a member of the Republican County Committee, of which he is chairman. On November 12, 1894, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio and in 1900 to practice in the United States Courts.

In April, 1902, Mr. Weldon was united in marriage with Margaret C. Boggs, a daughter of Lemuel Boggs. They have two children—Lenieul B. and Margaret C. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weldon are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Fraternally Mr. Weldon is connected with the Elks, Woodmen of the World and National Union. For many years he has been one of Circleville's reliable, representative men, ready at all times to promote good feeling and assist in the upbuilding of the city and its laudable enterprises.

JULIUS J. WRIGHT, deceased, once a prominent resident of Pickaway County, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, January 5, 1830, and died in his old home place in the county of his birth, on September 20, 1903. He was a son of Joseph and Mary (Sullivan) Wright.

The father of Mr. Wright was born in Ireland and died when his son Julius was 13 years of age. His mother was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, and her life closed when her son was a child of five years. The orphan boy was reared in the home of his grandfather, with whom he remained until he started out in life for himself.

Upon coming to Ohio, Julius J. Wright settled for a time in Ross County. From there he went to Osage County, Kansas, where he took up a government land claim on which he lived for some years. Upon his return to Ohio, he located in Pickaway County, where he lived for many years. On April 5, 1866, he was married to Mary A. Emerson, who was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 5, 1838. She is a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Kennedy) Emerson, the former



MR. AND MRS. JAMES WARD.

of whom was born in Virginia and the latter, in Kentucky.

Thomas Emerson was a son of Thomas and Mary (Downey) Emerson, who came to Pickaway County and were very early settlers in Pickaway township. The father of Mrs. Wright became one of the very old residents here, his life extending to 91 years. Of his children, three survive, viz.: James, of Pickaway township; Mrs. Mary A. Wright; and George T., also of Pickaway township.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wright were eight in number, the survivors being: Sarah A., Thomas E., Robert F., Adella M., Laura L. and Walter E. Mrs. Wright resides on a fine farm of 100 acres of well-cultivated land. She is a valued member of Ebenezer Church of the Evangelical Association. Her whole life has been passed in Pickaway County and she is a worthy representative of one of its oldest and most honored families.

JAMES WARD has been a prominent resident of Pickaway County since 1857. For many years he was actively engaged in farming in Walnut township, where he still owns a large estate; for the past two years, however, he has been a resident and leading business man of Ashville, being president of the Citizens' Bank and extensively interested in the grain business. He was born October 16, 1844, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of Peter and Mary Ann (Greek) Ward.

Peter Ward and his wife were both natives of Fairfield County. In the spring of 1849 he moved to Allen County, where he resided for four years, being killed in 1853 by a team. William Ward, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of England who came to this country and first settled in Virginia. In 1802 he moved to Pickaway County, which at that time was included in Ross County. William Ward, grandfather of James Ward, was born in Virginia and upon coming to Ohio settled in Pickaway County; later he married and moved into Fairfield County.

James Ward, the subject of this sketch, was compelled to leave home at an early age because of the death of his father. He went to the home of his brother-in-law, Sidney J. Ward, at 12 years of age and bound himself to his brother-in-law until his 21st year, under the condition that he was to be given a horse, bridle, saddle and a suit of clothes, which he received in 1865. He received his early education in the common schools and afterward took a special course in the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, preparing himself for teaching. After leaving school, he engaged in farming and also taught school for 16 winters. Since then he has devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. He finally, in 1878, bought the farm where he had lived as a boy and as a tenant, paying \$114 per acre, and having 10 years to pay for the same. He continued to be a resident of the farm until 1904.

In August, 1863, Mr. Ward enlisted in the Ohio National Guard for five years and was made corporal in Company F, 92nd Regiment. On May 2, 1864, he was called into the United States service for 100 days, as a member of Company C, 155th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and served until August 27th, when he was discharged at Camp Dennison. He was discharged from the Ohio National Guard, May 1, 1866, by act of the State Legislature.

Mr. Ward was married in 1876 to Harriet Cromley, a daughter of Stephen Cromley. They had two children, both of whom died during infancy. Mrs. Ward died December 6, 1882. In 1893 he was married to Hannah L. McCan, a daughter of James McCan, who is a resident of Pickaway County. Mr. Ward is prominent in Masonry, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Circleville. He is also a member of Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F., at Ashville; Nebraska Grange, No. 64, of Walnut township; and W. H. Morral Post, No. 167, G. A. R., of Ashville.

Mr. Ward started in life a very poor boy and is now a man of large means, and takes a very active interest in all movements that tend toward the advancement of the town and

community in which he resides. He is president of the Citizens' Bank of Ashville and has been engaged in the grain business for a number of years. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens and takes more pride in being a farmer than in being the president of a bank. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Ward accompany this sketch.

ALVIN A. REICHELDERFER, a prominent agriculturist and well-known citizen of Salt Creek township, and one of the township trustees, resides on the George Bennett farm, a tract of 240 acres, which is situated on the Circleville and Adelphi turnpike. Mr. Reichelderfer was born May 21, 1870, in Pickaway County, and is a son of Rufus and Susan (Davis) Reichelderfer.

The parents of Mr. Reichelderfer were both born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where the paternal grandfather, Jeremiah Reichelderfer, had settled among the pioneers. Rufus Reichelderfer has been a lifelong resident of Salt Creek township as have his two half-sisters, Caroline and Julia A. Mowery. The five children born to Rufus Reichelderfer and wife were: Minerva J., deceased; George, of Peoria, Illinois; Alvin A., of this sketch; Nelson E., of Lancaster, Ohio; and Stella E., wife of Arthur Heffner, of Whisler, Ohio. Rufus Reichelderfer is an influential member of the Democratic party in Salt Creek township. He has served as township trustee for a long period and he has also been a member of the School Board.

Alvin A. Reichelderfer was reared to manhood on his father's farm and was educated in the township schools. He has always taken a just pride in his agricultural acquirements and has the reputation, honestly earned, of being one of the most successful farmers of his locality. He has been located on the present farm since September, 1899, and can show very satisfactory results. He carries on mixed husbandry and raises some very fine stock.

On November 4, 1891, Mr. Reichelderfer was married to Luella Karshner, who was born

and reared in Pickaway County, and is a daughter of Enoch Karshner, a prominent farmer of Salt Creek township. They have one son, Clay W., born July 22, 1893, who is attending the local school.

Politically, Mr. Reichelderfer is a Democrat. He is serving his first term as township trustee, to which office he was elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate in Salt Creek township. This speaks well for his popularity among his fellow-citizens. He has served six years as road supervisor of District No. 5 and his duties have always been faithfully performed with the best interests of the public in view. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Tarlton, and of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Laurelville.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS CLELLEN, owner of a well-improved homestead of 102 acres in Wayne township, was born in Pickaway County, August 26, 1854. His parents, Joseph and Celinda (Prindle) Clellen, were also married in this county, so that both he and his family are closely identified with it. Mr. Clellen was trained to agricultural pursuits in his early years and has held closely to them in his later life; the result was a thorough acquaintance with all agricultural details and a successful outcome of his labors. When he purchased his present property of J. W. Wiggins, he set about its thorough improvement. He cultivated the land on modern principles, drained it with tile and in 1899 erected a comfortable frame residence of seven rooms.

In 1891 Mr. Clellen was elected by the Republicans to the office of township assessor, being the first successful candidate of the party for that office in Wayne township. This was an unusual testimonial, both to his personal popularity and individual worth.

Mr. Clellen's wife was formerly Alice Graves, daughter of Westley Graves, of Ross County, Ohio. The following children have been born to their union: Frederick F., who married Madge Shipley, daughter of Louis

Shipley, of Pickaway County, and now resides near Circleville; James B., who attended Lima College; Guy W.; Mary Agnes, who is an accomplished pianist, member of the church choir at Kinderhook, and very prominent socially; Percy Alton and Iris May.



HARLES W. MURPHY, city solicitor of Circleville, a prominent attorney and formerly a well-known newspaper man, was born in Greene County, Ohio.

Mr. Murphy was reared in Greene County and was educated in the public schools of Xenia and at the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he spent several years. He was graduated in 1874 from the law department of the University of Michigan, and was admitted to the bar in the same year. Mr. Murphy then went to Iowa where he soon became interested in the newspaper business and for six years was editor of the *Union*, at Sidney, Iowa, where he also served as postmaster until he resigned the office in 1880. From Sidney, Mr. Murphy went to New Mexico and spent a year and a half visiting different portions of one of the most interesting sections of the country.

Mr. Murphy then came to Circleville and was engaged in newspaper work here from 1882 until 1894, since which time he has been in the active practice of his profession. In 1902 he was elected city solicitor for a term of two years but by reason of a change in the municipal code his term expired at the end of one year. He was subsequently re-elected for a term of two years and in 1905 was again re-elected. He has been a faithful, conscientious official and enjoys the esteem and confidence of both political parties. He is a stanch Democrat.

On June 8, 1876, Mr. Murphy was married to Margaret B. Darst, a daughter of Jacob Darst, who was one of the early merchants of Circleville. They have had three children, viz.: Clark Darst, who died in promising young manhood, aged but 23 years, a victim of

disease contracted while serving in the Spanish-American War, in Puerto Rico, a member of the Fourth Ohio Regiment Infantry, U. S. Volunteers; Kenneth, who has an aptitude for music, and is studying in New York City, at the Ogden-Crane School of Opera, of which he is business manager; and Brower, who is a student in the Circleville public schools.

Mr. Murphy is a valued member of Groce Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Circleville, having been a soldier in the Civil War. In 1863 he enlisted first in the Fifth Independent, Ohio Vol. Cav., and later in the 186th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and served in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. Mr. Murphy and family belong to St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church at Circleville.



MEINHARD G. PALM, who owns a valuable farm of 55 acres in Clear Creek township, Fairfield County, Ohio, which is used for pasturage, resides on his father's farm of 117 acres, in Washington township, Pickaway County. Mr. Palm was born at Circleville, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1870, and is a son of Charles A. and Christina (Doering) Palm. An extended sketch of these worthy people will be found in another part of this work.

Meinhard G. Palm was five years old when his parents removed to Kansas, where they resided one year and then returned to Circleville, in which city the family home continued to be until Meinhard G. was nine years old, when the family located on the farm in Washington township, which our subject operates.

Mr. Palm was educated in the city and country schools and was reared to be a practical farmer. His whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he has met with abundant success.

On January 4, 1894, Mr. Palm was married to Ella Miller, who is a daughter of William and Margaret Miller, of Circleville. They have a family of five interesting children: Clarence, Christina Margaret, Carl William, Russell Chester and Bernice. Mr. Palm is one

of the leading members of the Lutheran Church. He is a well-known and respected citizen and a good representative of the best element to be found in Washington township—a good farmer, a kind neighbor, an advocate of good roads and a supporter of the schools and churches.

ISAAC N. BROWN, one of Pickaway County's honored survivors of the great Civil War, to which he gave three years of his young manhood, is a well-known agriculturist of Muhlenberg township, owning a highly cultivated little farm in Muhlenberg township, consisting of 14 acres, which the word "garden" aptly describes. Mr. Brown was born June 16, 1831, in Knox County, Ohio, on a farm 10 miles northeast of Mount Vernon, and is a son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Long) Brown.

The parents of Mr. Brown were born in the vicinity of Cove Mountain, Pennsylvania, and were brought to Ohio by their parents in childhood. They married in Ohio and when our subject was seven years old moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, where they resided on a farm for some seven years and then decided to seek a new home in the West. Nathan Brown started with his wife and 11 children, but when he reached Circleville he was taken sick and died in 1848, aged 55 years. The family remained at Circleville until the death of the mother, which took place on July 5, 1855, when the family became scattered. The children were: Polly, Abraham and Susan, all deceased; Isaac N., of this sketch; Jacob, a resident of Illinois, who survived imprisonment at Andersonville, during the Civil War, through a period of 11 months and 13 days; Barbara, now deceased, who married John W. Frost, a veteran of the Mexican War and moved with him to Missouri; John L., of Indiana; William, a member of an Illinois regiment in the Civil War, who died in 1862, at Memphis, Tennessee; Nancy J., a resident of Columbus; Solomon; and Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, who died in Missouri.

In the spring of 1849 our subject proceeded

to Muhlenberg township and sought and obtained work on a farm, by the month. He continued to work in this way for nine years on the farm of James and Perry Dawson, receiving as wages the sum of \$8 a month. After he married he continued to live there for two years longer, after which he moved to the James Abernathy farm, which he rented for two years and then removed to the Z. P. Adkins farm near Five Points.

Mr. Brown was living on this place when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, on August 30, 1861, entering Company C, 20th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., Third Brigade of the Third Division of the 17th Army Corps, under Capt. J. M. McCoy and Colonel Whittlessey. When Mr. Brown became a soldier, he entered upon a path of great hardship and constant danger as will be seen on recounting the many battles in which his life was risked. Not including minor engagements, Mr. Brown participated in these battles: Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Bolivar, Iuka, Big Hatchie River, Hankin's Ferry, Raymond, Champion Hills, the whole siege of Vicksburg of 47 days duration, Jackson and Baker's Creek. After three years and one month of service, he was honorably discharged. He was several times injured in the service. At Raymond he was slightly wounded in the left thigh by a bullet and had three ribs broken and a leg broken by being thrown down and run over by a wagon attached to a six-mule team. On April 1, 1864, this injury landed him in the Vicksburg hospital, where he remained for one month and then was sent to Louisville where he remained until he was mustered out.

Upon his return, Mr. Brown resumed farming and continued to live on his rented farm until the fall of 1888, when he purchased his present home of 14 acres which he has placed under a very fine state of cultivation and which yields handsomely. He has erected the buildings here and has made all the excellent improvements.

In 1852 Mr. Brown was married to Hester A. Starks, who was born in Maryland and died in Iowa. She had three children, viz.: Franklin P., of Iowa; John Wesley, deceased at

the age of four years and Eliza Jane, deceased at the age of six years.

Mr. Brown was married (second) in November, 1868, to Mrs. Isabelle F. Nichell, who was the widow of Andrew J. Nichell, who died in the army during the Civil War, leaving four children, viz.: Elias D., of Illinois; Robert C., of Illinois; Mrs. Sarah E. Lyons, of Hardin County, Ohio; and Mrs. Augusta Smith, of Muhlenberg township. Mrs. Brown was born in Vinton County, Ohio, February 22, 1840, and is a daughter of Elias and Sarah (Gardner) Ramey, the former of whom was born in Belmont County, Ohio, and the latter in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had these children: Rose Ann; Mrs. Gertrude Kern, deceased; Hattie, wife of Daniel H. Crawford, of Hardin County, Ohio; John M., of Madison County; Etta, wife of Fletcher Graham, living near Derby; Lottie M., who has been a teacher for the past 10 years; and Myrtle, who is the wife of Albert Brown, of Illinois.

Mr. Brown has been a life-long Republican. He is one of the old and esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Darbyville.

LYMAN JONES, whose well-cultivated farm of 212 acres is located four miles from Circleville, on the Circleville and Kingston turnpike, is descended from two old pioneer families of Virginia and Pennsylvania, which had much to do with the early development of Ross County, Ohio. Mr. Jones was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 28, 1841, and is a son of Abel and Catherine (Dreisbach) Jones.

Both parents of Lyman Jones were natives of Ross County, Ohio, where the father was born October 31, 1810, and the mother, in 1814. About 1838-39 they moved to Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, and then, in 1864, to Pickaway township, settling on the farm now occupied by our subject. Here Abel Jones died January 6, 1892, having survived his wife, who died in April, 1887. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and

was a man of sterling integrity of character and broad-minded views. Of his children these survive: Sarah A. and Rebecca, who live with their brother Lyman; Leah, wife of P. W. Brown, of Chillicothe; Mary E., wife of George Bennett, of Circleville; Alda, wife of Taylor Boggs, of Chillicothe; Laura J., wife of Harry R. Gregg, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Lyman, of this sketch.

Lyman Jones, after completing the public school course in Salt Creek township, became a student at the Ohio University, at Athens, this training better preparing him for the intelligent management of the large estate he now owns.

Mr. Jones has always been affiliated with the Republican party. He is a type of a good citizen, enterprising and public spirited and enjoys the esteem, as he commands the respect, of a wide circle of acquaintances.



CHRISTIAN CALVIN FOOR, proprietor of the Ashville Hotel, at Ashville, also conducts the leading livery business in the city and is one of the valued citizens. He was born March 1, 1860, in Bloom township, Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of George and Eliza (Weimer) Foor.

The Foor family was established in Fairfield County by the grandparents of Christian C. Foor, who came to Ohio from Berks County, Pennsylvania. Both parents of our subject were born in Ohio. They were substantial farming people and members of the German Reformed Church. Six sons and three daughters were born to them, namely: William; Christian C., of this sketch; Franklin; Harvey, deceased; Bertha, wife of Harvey Mohart; Norton, deceased; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Herbert Weimer; Addie, wife of Luther Heller; and Albert.

Christian C. Foor was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the Egypt township district school, which he left at the age of 17 years. From 1877 until 1883 he worked on a farm at Marey. In 1885 he moved to the

farm of H. M. Dunick, on which he resided for six years, engaged in farming, and then removed to the farm of W. H. Pontius in Walnut township, Pickaway County, where he was successfully engaged in farming for the 11 years following. In 1902 he settled on the farm of W. H. Blue, in Walnut township, where he remained two years. In the fall of 1904 he moved to Ashville and purchased the Ashville Hotel and the adjoining property, which Mr. Foor utilizes as a first-class livery and boarding stable. He is one of Ashville's enterprising business men.

On June 17, 1883, Mr. Foor was married (first) to Lucinda Swoyer, who was a daughter of Jacob and Mary Swoyer. Mrs. Foor had been a school mate of Mr. Foor's, the families being neighbors in Bloom township. Mrs. Foor died November 5, 1894, the mother of four children, viz.: Walter, born August 25, 1883, who died November 6, 1903; Oscar, born October 6, 1888, who is a student in the Ashville High School; Claude Earl, born May 22, 1891, who is a student in the Ashville schools; and one child that died in infancy. Mr. Foor was married (second) to Mary Spindler, who was a daughter of George and Alice Spindler. They had one child, Earl Spindler, who died aged three months. Mrs. Foor died November 29, 1903.

Mr. Foor is a self-made man. His present financial condition has been brought about entirely through his own industry and good management. He is an ideal landlord, having an affable manner and a pleasing, friendly personality. The guests at the Ashville Hotel are made to feel at home and the trade of the house is constantly on the increase. Mr. Foor is a member of Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F., at Ashville.



A. LEIST, a representative member of the bar at Circleville, was born in 1868 in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Daniel Leist, and a grandson of that old pioneer of the county, John D. Leist.

John D. Leist was born in Pennsylvania in 1808, and was brought to Pickaway County

in boyhood. During his active business life he was a contractor and builder and many of the old stone houses, which give such a substantial look to many sections throughout the county, were erected by him and still stand as mute memorials to his skill and workmanship. His son, Daniel Leist, was born in 1833 in Pickaway County, and still survives, a venerable resident of Circleville.

C. A. Leist was reared in Pickaway County and first attended the country schools, later went to the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and then turned his attention to teaching. During the five years that he taught school he took advantage of spare time to become acquainted with the first principles of the law, and subsequently studied with the law firm of Folsom & Pontius and later with Judge Festus Walters. In December, 1893, he was admitted to the bar and entered into practice on January 1, 1894. Mr. Leist practices in all the courts of the State and also in the Federal courts. He has always been interested in politics and was elected city solicitor of Circleville for a term of four years. He is now serving as a member of the Board of Elections of Pickaway County.

On November 24, 1897, Mr. Leist was married to Elizabeth Crist, who is a daughter of Henry Crist, who for years was a leading business man of Circleville. Mr. and Mrs. Leist have one son—Marvin. Mr. Leist is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Circleville. He is one of the intelligent, progressive men of the city and stands very high personally and professionally.

TRA S. STONEROCK, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Jackson township, who resides on his present farm of 68 acres and owns also another farm of 57 acres, both on the Dawson turnpike, was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 6, 1863, and is a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Whiteside) Stonerock.

The Stonerock family, of which our subject is a member, is probably of German ancestry. It was founded in Pickaway County

by the grandfather of our subject, who came here from Pennsylvania. He died while his son Jeremiah was very young, leaving five other sons, namely: Jackson, Henry, Jacob, Hiram and Joseph, of whom the last named is the only survivor.

Jeremiah Stonerock was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, February 15, 1817, and died on his farm, which he had occupied all his life, on April 14, 1902. He received 12½ acres of land from his father's estate and this he increased until he owned 180 acres located three and a half miles northeast of Williamsport, on the Dawson turnpike, and an adjacent farm of 115 acres. He was a sober, honest, hard-working man and acquired all this property through his own industry. Politically he was a Republican. He was a consistent member of the Christian Church and contributed liberally to its support. He married Mary Whiteside, who was born in Ireland, July 15, 1830, and died on the home farm July 15, 1882. She was a daughter of Andrew and Mary Whiteside, who came here when she was a child.

The children of Jeremiah Stonerock and wife were: Rebecca Jane, who married W. E. Downing and died in Jackson township; Tillman, who resides with our subject; John, who died aged 18 years; Mack, who died aged 34 years; Ira S., of this sketch; Mirvin, of Pickaway County; Flora, deceased, who was the wife of William Mogan; Dora, who died aged 17 years; and Dolly, who married J. W. Van Keuren, a brother of our subject's wife, and resides on the old homestead in Jackson township.

Ira S. Stonerock was reared on the home farm and attended the public schools in his locality. He made his home with his parents until he married, then rented a farm for some seven years, after which he bought his present property. He has operated his farm as a grain and stock farm and for the past four years has done a large business in buying and shipping cattle. He has made all the improvements on his property and they are excellent ones. His commodious residence is surrounded by choice shrubbery, all of which Mr. Stonerock has set

out himself. The place shows on every hand that while utility is paramount, beauty has not been neglected in the buildings and arrangement of the grounds.

Mr. Stonerock was married on October 24, 1882, to Emma Van Keuren, who was born in Dutchess County, New York, February 24, 1862. She is a daughter of William and Katherine (Schryver) Van Keuren, who settled in Wayne township when she was an infant. They died at Williamsport, where they had previously lived retired. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stonerock: Grace, who died aged one year and nine months; Modella, who married J. W. Renick, of Circleville, a member of the old and wealthy family of that name, and has two children—Modella Lucile and Elizabeth; and Lulu Marie and Harry L., both living at home. All the family except our subject belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which, however, he is a liberal contributor. In politics he is independent and has never accepted any but school offices. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America, at Williamsport.



GEORGE BRUNDIGE. One of the old, numerous and honored families of Salt Creek township is worthily represented in George Brundige, a retired citizen of Whisler. Mr. Brundige was born October 17, 1827, in the very house which he now occupies, and is a son of Col. Thomas and Nancy (Johnson) Brundige.

The father of George Brundige was born in New York, but was married in Virginia. In young manhood he became connected with military affairs, held the rank of colonel during an early Indian War and during all his active life was more or less connected with the militia. In 1805, with his wife, he came to Pickaway County and settled in Salt Creek township, entering the land from the government. This land included the present site of the town of Whisler, the early name being Prairie View.

He was one of the most enterprising and progressive men of his time and did a great deal in the development of this section. To him the town and township are indebted for the successful founding of many of the early enterprises and the establishing of conditions which have led to the further progress of the community. When he built his brick residence at Prairie View, some 80 years ago, it was considered the acme of comfort and elegance. Its sound old timbers and honest masonry still stand, and, with improvements added by our subject, the house is still a very attractive and comfortable home. Col. Thomas Brundige and wife were the parents of 11 children, of whom our subject is the only survivor.

George Brundige was reared on his father's estate. He attended first the subscription and later the district schools of Salt Creek township. Mr. Brundige has been largely interested in agriculture all his life and still retains his farm of 192½ acres of excellent land, one of the most valuable farms in the township.

On October 22, 1853, Mr. Brundige was married to Mary M. Ogan, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, January 16, 1834, and is a daughter of Evan and Elizabeth (Tom) Ogan, the former of whom was born in Delaware and the latter in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Evan Ogan, was born in Virginia. For many years the Ogan family resided in Muskingum County, but Mrs. Brundige has been a resident of Salt Creek township since 1851. With the exception of a short period spent at Kingston and Circleville. Mr. Brundige has been a continuous resident of Salt Creek township all his life. On October 22, 1903, occurred the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. Brundige and his excellent wife and there were many to congratulate them on its celebration. They have many pleasant social ties at Whisler and in the near vicinity, as they are known by almost every resident.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brundige are valued members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Whisler, in which he has served as treasurer and in which they are very active, liberally contributing to and cheerfully furthering the various benevolent enterprises in the

church's care. In political sentiment, Mr. Brundige is a staunch Republican, his father having been an old-line Whig.

JOHNN SCHLEYER, one of the leading members of the bar, at Circleville, was born in 1851 at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, and is a son of the late John F. Schleyer, formerly a leading citizen of Circleville.

Our subject was six years old when his parents moved to Huntington township, Ross County, where they lived until 1863, and then settled at Circleville. The early education of Mr. Schleyer was secured in the local schools where he prepared for a higher course and later he entered the Capitol University, at Columbus, where he was a student for five years and was graduated in theology. Before he accepted any charge, Mr. Schleyer became convinced that he was better fitted for the profession of the law and consequently he began its study with the firm of Smith & Morris, at Circleville. He was admitted to the bar of Ohio on January 2, 1883, and immediately entered into practice in the same office which he has occupied ever since—a period of 23 years. In 1886 he was elected city solicitor and was re-elected in 1888, serving two terms. In 1890 he was elected and was subsequently re-elected prosecuting attorney of Pickaway County. His service covered two terms. He is generally acknowledged to be one of the county's most able men in his profession. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

FRANCIS PECK, one of the rising young farmers of this county and one of its well-known educators, was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in the year 1876. He is a son of Milton W. Peck (whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work) and a grandson of John J. Peck, whose father, Henry Peck, was one of the first settlers of the county.

On December 24, 1900, our subject was



HON. ANDREW ROBINSON BOLIN.

married to Osa Warner, daughter of David Warner, who died during that year; Mrs. Warner resides with her daughter. Mrs. J. Francis Peck. A daughter, Marjorie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peck, August 7, 1903.

Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Peck purchased 60 acres of land from the heirs of the David Warner estate, to which he has since added 11 acres and brought the entire tract under scientific and productive cultivation. For the past six years he has also been a school teacher, being at present attached to District No. 6. During that period he has also taught at the Ferguson and Dungan schools, Districts Nos. 4 and 5.

Fraternally our subject is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and religiously is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HON. ANDREW ROBINSON BOLIN, formerly a member of the House of Representatives, in the Ohio Legislature, and for years one of the leading members of the Pickaway County Bar, was born at Circleville, Ohio, in 1849, and is a son of John and Mary A. (Brannon) Bolin.

John Bolin, the paternal grandfather, was born in Ireland, emigrated to America, settled at Martinsburg, Virginia, and died at Norfolk, Virginia, while serving as a soldier in the War of 1812. His son, John Bolin, was born in 1807, at Martinsburg, Virginia, where he married Mary A. Brannon, who was born at Martinsburg, in 1809, and was of Irish extraction. In 1834, John Bolin and family came to Pickaway County, Ohio, settling on a farm in Jackson township. For some years he carried on a business of building and contracting and later operated a farm in another township. In 1875 he purchased a hotel property at Harrisburg, in Franklin County. The mother of our subject died in 1862, but the father survived until 1887.

Andrew Robinson Bolin, of Circleville, was one of a family of seven children. He attended

the public schools of his native place until 17 years of age, completing the course in so creditable a manner that he was given a teacher's certificate and taught school for the next year. Mr. Bolin, having a profession in view, then entered the Miami University at Oxford, where his brilliancy as a student attracted general notice and he was graduated in 1871, carrying off the honors of his class and gaining the degree of A. B. Subsequently the university conferred the degree of A. M. Thus well prepared, by thorough literary training, Mr. Bolin entered upon the study of the law with experienced practitioners at Circleville, where he prepared for entrance into the Cincinnati Law School, where he was graduated with the degree of LL. B., in 1873. He entered immediately into practice in his native place, where for more than 30 years he has filled a large space in the professional, political and social life. In all he has gained distinction and still continues an important factor.

Ever since young manhood, Mr. Bolin has been a zealous worker for the success of the Democratic party. His eminent fitness for high public office has been recognized on many occasions and he has been chosen as his party's candidate many times. He was one of the most prominent Democratic members of the Ohio General Assembly during 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898. For 20 years he has been a member of the Board of Examiners of the city schools of Circleville and has been one of the greatest friends of the public schools. As an orator he is known all over his own and other States and he has done good service in several campaigns.

On April 8, 1875, Mr. Bolin was united in marriage with Sophronia I. Rector, who is a daughter of Edward and Sophronia (Blodgett) Rector, the former of whom was a nephew of Governor Edward Tiffin, the first governor of the Commonwealth of Ohio. Edward Rector accompanied his uncle to Ohio and was one of the earliest pioneers of Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Bolin have two children, viz.: Stuart and Mabel. Mr. Bolin is a very prominent Mason, being past master of the Circleville

Blue Lodge, past high priest of the Royal Arch Chapter, past thrice illustrious master of the Council, past eminent commander of Scioto Commandery and a member of Aladdin Temple at Columbus and of the Consistory at Cincinnati. A portrait of Mr. Bolin is shown on a nearby page.

JOSHUA HILL, a well-known farmer and reliable citizen of Scioto township, who owns valuable farming land which is divided into two portions, one of 52 $\frac{7}{8}$ acres and the other of 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, is a native of Scioto township, where he was born March 26, 1862. His parents were William and Anna Maria (Gochenouer) Hill.

The grandparents of Mr. Hill, Joshua and Hannah (Kramer) Hill, came to Pickaway County from Maryland. William Hill, father of our subject, was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 10, 1836, and died March 7, 1890. He married Anna Maria Gochenouer, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 8, 1841, and is the only surviving daughter of Henry Gochenouer, a prominent farmer of Scioto township. They had 14 children—12 sons and two daughters. Two are deceased, namely: Charles, who died January 25, 1892, aged 24 years, 10 months and 15 days; and Elizabeth, who died May 15, 1892, aged 21 years, 6 months and 23 days. The other members of the family are: Henry, who resides near Darbyville, in Muhlenberg township; Joshua, of this sketch; William, who lives near Grove City, in Franklin County; Joseph, who resides in Scioto township; John, a carpenter, who works in Columbus and lives at Grove City, Franklin County; Irwin, who resides in Columbus, where he is employed in the shops of the P., C., C. & St. L. Ry.; Isaac, a rural mail carrier, residing at Orient; Milton, who is with a cash register company at Columbus; Samuel, who is employed at the State Insane Asylum at Columbus; Frederick, who works as a carpenter, at Columbus; Rebecca, who resides with her mother; and Wesley, who conducts a bakery at Harrisburg, Franklin County.

Joshua Hill was reared on a farm situated half a mile west of Commercial Point, which is known as the Al Brown farm and is now owned by Henry Gochenouer. His education was obtained in the common schools of Scioto township. He has devoted his whole life to agricultural pursuits and is numbered with the successful farmers of his section. He has resided on his present farm for the past 10 years; prior to his occupancy, it was known as the George Gochenouer farm.

On February 11, 1883, Mr. Hill was married to Lydia Beavers, a daughter of Peter and Olive (Kepler) Beavers, who reside in Scioto township on what is known as the Elisha Wilkins farm. Her grandparents were William and Elizabeth (Deckert) Beavers. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beavers had seven children, viz.: Lydia (Mrs. Hill); Warren, of Columbus; Addison; Nora, wife of Jacob Marburger; Bertha, deceased, who was the wife of Perkins Miller; Jesse, who lives in Columbus; and Ray, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have eight children, as follows: Arthur H., born February 9, 1884; Harry Edwin, born December 20, 1886; Edith Ann, born September 7, 1889; Weldon, born November 8, 1891; Clyde, born February 8, 1893; Mary Ethel, born June 6, 1894; Elsie Pearl, born September 1, 1896; and Millard Wendell, born August 26, 1904.

Politically Mr. Hill is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Commercial Point.

PETER M. TEEGARDIN, a citizen of Madison township, who enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens in a very large degree, is one of the township's representative farmers and stock-raisers. He was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 19, 1868, and is a son of Peter and Ivy (Crum) Teegardin.

The Teegardin family is an old pioneer one of Pickaway County. It originated in Prussia, where the family name was spelled Tiegarden.

Aaron Teegardin, the great-grandfather of Peter M., was the pioneer settler of the family in Madison township, where he entered a large body of land from the government. This land was inherited by his son, William Teegardin, who became a man of standing and substance in this locality and was postmaster of the post station "Teegardin" for many years, until it was discontinued. Peter Teegardin succeeded to the estate of his father, William Teegardin, and he too became a man of prominence in this community, where he died in 1900 in the house where he has born. He was a stanch Democrat all his life. Equally he was a consistent member of the Madison Presbyterian Church, contributing liberally when the church structure was built and always generously assisting in the support of the society. He was one of the early members of the Masonic fraternity in Madison township.

Peter M. Teegardin was reared in Madison township and grew up on his father's farm well trained in all agricultural pursuits. He completed the public school course and has always been regarded as an intelligent and enterprising citizen, well informed concerning the questions of the day. Like all of his name, Mr. Teegardin is a good farmer and successful stock-raiser.

On January 8, 1892, Mr. Teegardin was married to Marilla P. Alspaugh, who was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Mathias and Mary J. (Shook) Alspaugh, late of Pickaway County. For many years Mathias Alspaugh lived in Madison township, where he settled at an early day with his father, who was a native of Pennsylvania. Those of his children who still survive are: Ellen E., Simon B., Sarah, wife of T. M. Garner, and Marilla P. (Mrs. Teegardin)—all residents of Madison township. Mr. Alspaugh was a man of large means and sterling qualities and in his death the township lost a man of worth.

Mr. Teegardin has spent the larger part of his life in Madison township, but not quite all. For five years he was engaged in a mercantile business at Canal Winchester and for two years at Sibley, Missouri. During his residence at

Canal Winchester he joined the Masonic fraternity and served three years as a member of the special school district Board of Education, officiating as its clerk. He belongs to the German Reformed Church. Mr. Teegardin is one of the influential members of the Democratic party in his locality and for six years has served as central committeeman from Madison township.



MILT MORRIS, one of Circleville's well-known citizens and a leading member of the bar, was born in 1851 in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a grandson of John Morris, who came to this county from New Jersey, in 1802.

Mr. Morris was reared and educated in Pickaway County, his literary advantages being only those obtainable in the public schools, and read law with P. C. Smith, of Circleville. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 but did not begin practice until 1877.

It was in 1871 that Mr. Morris came first to Circleville as an attache of the sheriff's office, where he remained for two years and then served two years as deputy clerk of courts and for two years more was in the office of the county auditor. In 1877 Mr. Morris entered into partnership with his preceptor, P. C. Smith, which continued until the death of Mr. Smith, in 1900. Since that event Mr. Morris has practiced alone. He has a large clientele and is the attorney for the Norfolk & Western Railway Company and for the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad Company. Mr. Morris has been a stockholder and one of the directors of the Third National Bank of Circleville for some 21 years and has been attorney for the same since its organization. He is also one of the directors and vice-president of the Scioto Canning Company, the plant of which is located at Ashville, and he is also vice-president of the Circleville Ice Company. He is thus identified with the leading interests of this section and is one of the county's capitalists.

Mr. Morris was married in 1874 to Elizabeth Crist, who is a daughter of that prominent

old pioneer of the county. Nicholas Crist. The latter established the first dray line in Circleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris have one son, Wellington C., who is chief bookkeeper in the Third National Bank of Circleville.

Mr. Morris is prominent in Masonic circles. He belonged to the first class in Pickaway County to receive the degree of Knight Templar.



AMUEL PARKER, a well-known and highly respected resident of the village of Whisler, in Salt Creek township, who for years was a leading agriculturist of this township, was born here, on October 8, 1839. He is a son of Laban and Susan (Bunn) Parker.

Laban Parker was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and was a child in years when his parents removed to Salt Creek township, where he resided until his death, which occurred on January 16, 1896. In mature manhood he married Susan Bunn, who was born in Ross County, Ohio. Of the children of this union, our subject is the only survivor.

Samuel Parker was reared in Salt Creek township and attended the common schools of the same during his boyhood. His whole business training was in the line of agriculture and during many years of his active life he successfully followed farming in his native township, where he owns 412 acres of fine land. Mr. Parker has always been a loyal and public-spirited citizen. In 1864 when the call was sent out for volunteers for 100 days, Mr. Parker entered the army and with his company served 120 days, guarding points in Virginia. He had two brothers in the service, Thomas C. and George W., who were members of Company K, 114th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. Thomas C. was killed near Vicksburg, and George W. died in 1866, in Schuyler County, Illinois.

Samuel Parker was married (first) to Rebecca Karshner, of Hocking County, Ohio. He married (second) Hattie Newhouse, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County,

Ohio, and is a daughter of Isaac Newhouse, who was a prominent farmer of Salt Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have one son—Walter S.

Mrs. Parker is one of the 10 surviving children of the late Isaac Newhouse, namely: Mary, widow of M. Reedy, living at Fulton, Illinois; Jane, wife of F. B. Pontius, of Kansas; Julia A., wife of W. B. Miesse, of Stouts-ville, Ohio; Catherine, wife of L. J. Book-walter, of Ross County, Ohio; Ellen, wife of Samuel L. Lutz, of Whisler, Pickaway County; George W., of Salt Creek township; Hattie (Mrs. Parker); William H., of Salt Creek township; John A., of Whisler, Pickaway County; and Simon J., of Salt Creek township.

Mr. Parker cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and for many years was affiliated with the Republican party, but of late years has given his support to the Prohibition party. Since 1872 he has been a resident of Whisler, taking part in the public affairs of the village and enjoying the regard of a wide circle of personal friends here. While living in the country, he served three years as trustee of Salt Creek township and was always deeply interested in all that concerned the welfare of the section, doing his part in advancing its educational as well as its agricultural development.



WILLIAM F. BROWN, one of the representative citizens and thoroughly experienced farmers of Jackson township, where he owns a valuable farm of 152 acres, was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 12, 1831, and is a son of Trustin P. and Tabitha (Wingate) Brown.

The Brown family, of which our subject is a member, has been settled in Ohio since 1810, when Peter Brown, the grandfather of our subject, removed from Delaware to Ross County. The family records farther back have been lost but the family is probably of Irish extraction. Peter Brown was a man of honest loyalty and it is known that when his health prevented his going to serve in the War of 1812.

he provided a substitute to take his place. He settled first in Ross County, but later removed to Pickaway County and died in Deer Creek township.

Trustin P. Brown was born in Delaware and was a boy of 10 years when his parents made the trip over the mountains and into Ohio, carrying their possessions in a one-horse wagon. He spent the greater part of his life in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, where he died in 1858, aged 56 years. At this time he was the owner of 650 acres of land, which he had acquired through farming and stock dealing. In political faith he was a Democrat. Religiously he was a Methodist.

The mother of our subject was born in Maryland and was a child when she accompanied her parents to Pickaway County. They settled in Deer Creek township, and she died on the old homestead at the age of 65 years. Our subject was the second born in his parents' family of nine children, as follows: Elizabeth, deceased; William F.; Mrs. Sarah Knowles, deceased; Mrs. Nancy Yates, deceased; Solomon Wesley, of Washington Court House, Ohio; Mrs. Maria Hunsicker, of Deer Creek township; Tabitha, deceased; Trustin, who died in Illinois; and Peter W., of Chillicothe.

William F. Brown was reared in Deer Creek township and attended the district schools. He remained at home until he was 26 years old and then married and came to his present farm, settling here on March 4, 1861. The greater part of the land at that time was covered with timber; this Mr. Brown has since cleared off and has developed his property into a fine stock and grain farm. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and has met with most gratifying success, being now one of that most independent class of men, a substantial farmer.

In June, 1858, Mr. Brown was married to Massy A. Owens, who was born in Wayne township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 17, 1832, and died here on March 6, 1904. She was a daughter of Samuel M. and Eliza (Sullivan) Owens, natives of Maryland. The children born to our subject and wife were the following: Trustin P., of Circleville; Samuel O.,

deceased at the age of 16 years; Sarah, wife of Simon Carpenter, residing in Fayette County, near Mount Sterling; William F., Jr., of Darbyville; Eliza, wife of J. S. Work, of Montgomery, West Virginia; Aaron S., who manages the home farm; Fred, who is a school teacher; and Edward, who died in infancy.

Mr. Brown has been a leading Democrat in his locality for many years. For 11 years he has served as township trustee and has also served as school director and assessor. For 50 years he has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been a teacher in and superintendent of the Sunday-school at Darbyville. He is regarded by his fellow-citizens as an honorable, upright, useful and public-spirited man.



EDMUND MOELLER, the senior member of the firm of Moeller & Schleyer, the leading dry goods and carpet house at Circleville, is one of the city's representative men. He was born in Germany, in January, 1856, and was 18 months old when he was brought to America by his parents.

The family remained in New York City for about six months and then came to Circleville, and this city has been Mr. Moeller's home ever since. After completing his public school education, he was employed in a grocery for some five years, gaining, with an intelligent youth's faculty, a very fair notion of business. From the grocery he went into the dry goods store of W. S. Jacobson & Company and remained with that firm, under its reorganization, for 24 years. In 1899 Mr. Moeller embarked in a business of his own, buying out the E. & K. Ucker stock of dry goods. He remained for about 18 months in the old location and then removed to his present commodious quarters which have been equipped with modern improvements to expedite business. In February, 1903, Mr. Moeller admitted J. Frederick Schleyer to partnership, the firm style becoming Moeller & Schleyer. This firm is known all over Pickaway County and takes pride in

offering to a very appreciative public a complete line of dry goods, carpets and rugs. This house is one of the most substantial in the city and it has an enviable reputation for honest dealing.

In 1891 Mr. Moeller was married to Elizabeth Bending, who is a daughter of the late Capt. Henry R. Bending. Captain Bending was a lifelong resident of Pickaway County and formerly was a merchant tailor at Circleville. He was a brave soldier during the Civil War and held the rank of captain. Mr. and Mrs. Moeller have two children, Gretchen and Harry, both of whom are attending the Circleville schools.

Politically Mr. Moeller has always been identified with the Democratic party. For several years he has been a member of the Board of Education and is a citizen of civic enterprise. He is a member of a number of fraternal organizations—the Masons, Elks, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

DAVID M. ATER, one of Deer Creek township's most substantial citizens and excellent farmers, was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, half a mile west of his present home, May 4, 1847, and is a son of Zachariah and Rebecca (Thomas) Ater.

Abraham Ater, the paternal grandfather, came from Maryland to Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1816, and located in Deer Creek township, where he acquired several hundred acres of land. He was a son of John Ater, whose brother, George Ater, was the first of the Ater family to come to this county. Abraham Ater married Elizabeth Hill and among their children was one they named Zachariah.

Zachariah Ater was born in Maryland in 1814 and was two years old when his parents brought him to Deer Creek township. He was reared on the farm on the west side of the creek, now owned by John Gates, but later moved to the farm on which our subject was born. There he lived until his death, on April 3, 1893. He married Rebecca Thomas, who

was born in 1819, in Deer Creek township, and was a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Payne) Thomas, early residents of the township. She died October 25, 1899. They had four children: John Wesley, deceased; Bennett H., deceased; Thornton V., who died from sickness, in the army, during the Civil War; and David M., who is the only survivor. The parents of this family were most worthy members of the Baptist Church. Zachariah Ater was a staunch Democrat.

David M. Ater was reared in Deer Creek township and his boyhood was passed on the old home place. He obtained his education in the local schools and was trained to practical and intelligent farming by his father, who was an excellent agriculturist. In 1878 Mr. Ater came to his present farm, where he has productive land and a very comfortable home. He married Missouri Boots, who was born in Deer Creek township, and is a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Ater) Boots. Mr. and Mrs. Ater have had five children, viz.: Vida, who married Charles Hosler and lives in Monroe township; Victor, who resides on the home place; Voight, born June 29, 1878, who died March 11, 1894; and Claude and Sina M., both living at home.

In politics, Mr. Ater is affiliated with the Democratic party. He served as a member of the Board of Education some 12 years. In fraternal circles he has long been quite prominent. Both he and his father joined the Masonic fraternity on the same night, in 1875, and he is an active member of Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., at Williamsport, to which lodge his two brothers also belonged and with which his sons are connected. Mr. Ater is also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Circleville and the Pickaway Encampment.

Mr. Ater is a very pleasant man to meet, being intelligently concerned with matters pertaining to this locality and interested in the general welfare of the community. He is a man of methodical habits and since January 1, 1873, he has kept a diary, in which he has recorded both family happenings and local events. It often has been a very satisfactory

document in his own affairs and on more than one occasion has been the means of amicably adjusting disputes in the neighborhood.

JAMES A. DRESBACH, a representative agriculturist of Pickaway County, who has been identified with the interests of Pickaway township all his life, was born on his present farm of 182 acres, on December 8, 1839, and is a son of William and Margaret (Earnhart) Dresbach.

The founder of the Dresbach family in Pickaway County was George Dresbach, the paternal grandfather of our subject, who brought his family with him from Pennsylvania, and at an early day settled on the farm that is now owned and occupied by Scott Dresbach, our subject's brother. At that time the little pioneer home was built in the forest, all the present fruitful land, which is now so highly productive and so thoroughly cultivated, was heavily timbered. Here George Dresbach died, leaving a number of descendants.

Both William Dresbach and wife were born in Pickaway township and the former died on the old farm on which our subject resides. He was a man of prominence here in his day and served as township trustee and in other offices. He was a Republican. His surviving children are: James A., of this sketch; Mary, widow of Albert Coombs, now a resident of Mount Pulaski, Illinois; George E., of Pickaway township; Harriet, wife of Elias Julian, residing near Remington, Indiana; Milton, of Salt Creek township; Catherine, wife of Nelson Reichelderfer, of Salt Creek township; Amanda, wife of A. K. Shride, of Franklin County, Ohio; and Scott, of Salt Creek township.

James A. Dresbach grew to maturity in his native township and in boyhood attended the subscription schools which afforded the only educational advantages the children of his youth and locality enjoyed. His life has always been one devoted to agriculture, and in

following this with persevering industry during his active years he has provided for a comfortable evening of life. His farm is one of value and would command a high price in the market.

Mr. Dresbach was married February 28, 1867, to Mary E. Alexander, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, not far from Tarlton, September 24, 1844. She is a daughter of John and Margaret (Martz) Alexander. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania. They came at an early date to Ohio and located for a short time in Fairfield County and then settled in Pickaway County, near Tarlton, where Mrs. Dresbach was reared. Her father was one of the pioneer school teachers in the vicinity of Tarlton. He served at one time as deputy sheriff of Pickaway County. He died at Circleville, Ohio, in 1891, having been a resident of the city for many years. The mother of Mrs. Dresbach died in 1852. Mr. Alexander married a second time and he is survived by these children: Nancy D., widow of William A. Empie, residing at Circleville; Margaret L., wife of George Moore, of Circleville; Mary E., wife of our subject; Charles, of Columbus; and Emma, wife of Charles Epps, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Alexander was a soldier during the Civil War.

Mr. and Mrs. Dresbach have had four children, the three survivors being: William R., James A., Jr., and John S., all residents of Pickaway township.

Politically a Republican, Mr. Dresbach has frequently been chosen for office and has served as township trustee and in other offices. Mrs. Dresbach is a member of the German Reformed Church.

CHARLES EDWARD WRIGHT, an energetic agriculturist and citizen, who has been operating a farm of 187 acres in Harrison township since 1900, was born at Circleville, Ohio, March 17, 1877.

Charles Edward Wright, Sr., whose death occurred in 1877, was born at Baltimore,

Maryland, and early in life became a resident of Pickaway County, Ohio, of which he became one of the most prominent citizens. He was a member of the manufacturing firm of Haswell, Wright & Company, and for many years was also connected with the old Scioto Bank. He served in the Civil War as a lieutenant in Company A, 114th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and the hardships then endured terminated his life at a comparatively early age, just as he was entering into a very broad field of usefulness. His wife, Lovina Thompson, was a daughter of Dr. Jesse C. Thompson, who was one of the earliest medical practitioners of Pickaway County, locating at South Bloomfield in 1837, and practicing there until his death in 1889. Dr. Thompson was widely known for his skill and it is thought that he was the first practitioner in the West to perform what is known as the Caesarean operation. Dr. Thompson's wife, Emily Sage, was a daughter of Harley Hi Sage, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The following children were born to our subject's parents, all of whom are living, namely: Thompson B., a physician of Circleville; Annie E., wife of Thomas W. Brown, who resides near Circleville; and J. W., jobber of machinery, who lives in St. Louis.

Charles E. Wright, the subject of this sketch, has been a resident of South Bloomfield and the vicinity nearly all his life. He acquired his education in the schools of the village and in those of the county seat, finishing his education in 1895 in the Circleville High School. Since then, with the exception of his period of service in the Spanish-American War, he has been continuously engaged in farming. His enlistment was in Company M, Fourth Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers. His command was stationed at Fort Thomas until August 1, 1898, when it was ordered to Newport News, Virginia, and then to Puerto Rico. Mr. Wright participated in the campaign on the island until he was sent home as a victim of typhus fever. He was mustered out of the service after peace was declared.

On December 12, 1905, Mr. Wright was married to Katherine Harman, daughter of

R. D. and Ella (Shotts) Harman, the ceremony occurring at the home of the bride's parents near Bell Center, Hardin County, Ohio. Mr. Wright is a Republican in his political affiliation.

REV. T. W. CHEESEMAM, D. D., rector of St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church at Circleville, is one of the most scholarly clergymen of his diocese and one of the respected and esteemed citizens of Circleville. Dr. Cheeseman was born in 1861, in England, where he was reared and where he secured both his literary education and theological training.

At New College, London University, he received his degree of Master of Arts. His theological course was also taken at New College, from which institution he received his degree of D. D.

Dr. Cheeseman first entered upon his ministerial work as a Congregationalist and served a church of this body at Southampton for seven and a half years. He was stationed at Sunderland for three years and then west to Bristol. This last pastorate he resigned on account of his wife's failing health, and then came to America and shortly afterward took charge of the Congregational Church at Ashland, Nebraska. He remained there three years and then resigned both pastorate and connection with the Congregational body. He then entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church and became rector of St. John's Church at Clinton, Iowa. Two years later he accepted the rectorate of the church at Neenah, Wisconsin, where he remained 18 months and then came to Circleville as rector of St. Philip's Church.

On October 31, 1888, Dr. Cheeseman was married to Kate Conway, of Southampton, England, and they have three children, viz.: Alice, Edwin and Lucile.

Dr. Cheeseman is well known as a contributor to both the religious and secular press. He is a popular lecturer on Chautauqua plat-



MR. AND MRS. LITTLETON GOCHENOUR AND DAUGHTERS.

forms and as such has visited many parts of the country. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, Elks and Modern Woodmen of America.

LITTLETON GOCHENOUR, a prosperous farmer of Scioto township, whose ancestors were prominent in the pioneer history of this section, was born at what is now known as Jacktown, May 27, 1841. He is a son of George and Ann Maria (Smith) Gochenour. The Gochenour family is of German derivation and was first established in Pennsylvania.

George Gochenour, the father, was born in Rockingham County, in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in the year 1808, and about 1822 came with his parents and other members of the family to this county, locating near the present site of Commercial Point, on the farm where our subject now resides. He married Ann Maria Smith, daughter of Isaac Smith, who came from Maryland and located on the farm now owned by William Rush and Joseph Hill. After his marriage, Mr. Gochenour removed to Illinois and located on the present site of Danville, in the locality of which city he came to own considerable property, dying wealthy. His death occurred in 1872, at the age of 64 years, his wife surviving him until 1884, when she passed away, aged 71 years.

Joseph Gochenour, the grandfather of our subject, was born and raised in Pennsylvania and early moved to Virginia and the greater portion of his large family claimed it as their native State. He traded his extensive milling property in Virginia for 1,000 acres of land in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio. When he came to take possession of his estate in the new country beyond the mountains, he found he had made a better bargain than he supposed, since the survey proved that he had acquired 1,122 acres. Upon this grand tract of land he raised his family of 11 children, so that according to the correct figures he was able to give each of them 102 acres. The grandfather passed his life, after coming

to Ohio, on the homestead which he founded.

Of Joseph's 11 children—eight sons and three daughters, it may be briefly stated that Joseph removed to Warren County, this State, where he raised a family and died. John first settled in Warren County, Ohio, but later migrated to Henry County, Illinois, where his family reached maturity and where he himself passed his last years. It is said that he possessed a fine estate in Ohio, which he sold upon moving to Illinois. George was the father of our subject; his life history has been given above. William became a resident of Kosciusko County, Indiana, where he remained until his death. He was twice married and left a family of 12 children. Henry died in Scioto township, Pickaway County, on the homestead given him by his father. He had a family of eight children, two of whom are still alive. David became a resident of Decatur County, Iowa, where he died leaving a wife and several children. Samuel removed to Kosciusko County, Indiana, where he died the father of a family. Daniel, who never married, served in an Ohio regiment throughout the Civil War, his captain being Dr. Black. Elizabeth, who married James Beavers, moved to Decatur County, Iowa, where both herself and husband died, leaving a family. Mary became the wife of Richard Payne, by whom she had two children. After his death she married Madison White and removed to Kansas, where both died. She was the mother of four children by her second marriage. The third daughter of Joseph Gochenour married Littleton Bethards, of Scioto township; both are now deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Gochenour, the parents of our subject, were born seven children, as follows: Joseph, who died when about one year old; Isaac, who passed away on the home farm of his brother at Jacktown, leaving a widow (formerly Lucy Ann Mason) and a son and daughter—the latter now residing in Columbus; Barbara, who became the wife of Nelson McGhee and died on a farm adjoining that of our subject, leaving a family of eight children; Elza, who married Elizabeth Dechert and died on a neighboring farm, the father of

eight children; Sarah A., who married the late Lewis Beavers, resides in Scioto township and has four children; Littleton, our subject; Henry, who first married Elizabeth McGhee, by whom he had one child, and, after her death, Margaret Beavers—he died at Jacktown as did his second wife.

Littleton Gochenour first married Margaret Beavers, a daughter of Elisha Beavers. She died childless in March, 1884. For his second wife he chose Sarah R. Gibson, daughter of James and Esther A. (Crabb) Gibson, the marriage occurring May 20, 1885. The Gibson family is of Irish ancestry and has been long established in this country. Four children were the fruits of this union: Hester A., born June 25, 1887, who died December 15, 1895; George Gibson, born August 7, 1892, who died July 31, 1893; Mary L., born November 1, 1896; and Martha Ruhamah, born July 11, 1899. The two last named are attending school.

James A. Gibson, the father of Mrs. Gochenour, was born at Dayton, Ohio, in 1823, and when six years of age came with his parents to Scioto township, Pickaway County. Robert Gibson, the grandfather of Mrs. Gochenour, was a tanner in Pennsylvania, from which State he came to Ohio in 1816. He located in Scioto township, Pickaway County in 1829. He had a family of six children: Robert W.; James A.; Martha A., who married J. W. Scholey and resides at Kansas City; Mary J., who died single about 1894; Rebecca, who became the wife of a Conover and moved to Denver, Colorado, where she died; and Sarah, who married Luther Lerch, and, after his death, Lawrence Crookham. Of this family, the first son, James A., married Esther A. Crabb, and by her had three daughters, viz.: Sarah, wife of our subject; Martha A., living at home with her mother; and Mary Jane, who married Henry Kaiser, of Scioto township. James A. Gibson died in 1893, at the age of 70 years; his widow, who was born October 26, 1833, lives on a farm adjoining that of her daughter, the wife of our subject.

Littleton Gochenour has resided on his

present homestead since the spring of 1865. He owns a farm of 252 acres, a considerable portion of which is in grass, and runs two teams constantly. Mr. Gochenour built his first residence during the year following his location and erected the commodious and modern home in which he now lives, in 1883. To the land which he inherited from his father he has since added 130 acres, so that he is now placed among the most prosperous landowners and agriculturists in the township.


Ordinarily Mr. Gochenour supports the Democratic party, but when the Prohibitionists have a ticket in the field he gives his vote to their cause. He concerns himself little with politics, although he has served for a number of years as township trustee. His religious connections are with the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife is a Presbyterian, their membership being with the local organizations at Commercial Point. There are few men in the township who stand higher than Mr. Gochenour both for what they are in themselves and on account of their family connections.

A group picture of Mr. and Mrs. Gochenour and family is shown on a foregoing page in proximity to this.

ISAIAH DOWDEN, owner of 138 acres of farm land, proprietor of a store building, long prominent in the work of the Salvation Army and a leading citizen in the public affairs of Wayne township, has been a resident of this locality for the past 51 years. He is a son of Ashford Dowden, who migrated to Ross County, Ohio, from Cumberland, Maryland, in 1818 and to Pickaway County, in 1855. Our subject has served as justice of the peace for six years and as assessor for three years, and is now a member of the Board of Education. For a number of years he was an officer in the Salvation Army, being successively sergeant, secretary, treasurer and major. His religious affiliations are with the Union Church of Wayne township.

Isaiah Dowden is a native of Ross County.

this State, born March 8, 1844, his birthplace being within eight miles of his present home. He was reared and educated in this section, and in 1870 was united in marriage to Sarah Ellen McDill, daughter of James McDill, who came to Pickaway County in 1860. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Dowden were born 10 children, as below: James, who married Maggie Althouse and had three children, one of whom is deceased; Mack, who married Ollie Pontius and has two sons; Clarence, who married Anna Fuller, and became the father of a daughter; Edward, who married Mary Flemming; Sherman, who married Mary Bockardt; Emma, who became the wife of George Curry and the mother of three sons and one daughter; Shurley and Hurley (twins); Gifford Fielding, who died in infancy; and Gilbert. Mrs. Dowden died April 5, 1896. On August 7, 1898, Mr. Dowden married Gertrude Shaw, of Syracuse, New York. In politics our subject is a Democrat.

AN METER STIPP HULSE, one of the substantial citizens and representative agriculturists of Jackson township, was born in this township, March 27, 1856, and is a son of James R. and Eleanor (Stipp) Hulse. He owns 135.32 acres of fine land in his home farm on the Five Points turnpike; he also has 61½ acres on the McLean Mill road, besides 96¼ acres in Pike County, Ohio.

James R. Hulse, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in New York. He was a wheelwright by trade and when he came to Ohio it was as a young man seeking his fortune, with all he possessed done up in a pack on his back. He found favor in the eyes of the daughter of a substantial farmer of Pickaway County, Rebecca Van Meter, and after their marriage he had command of her small fortune. He was a man of fine business instincts and invested the money wisely in land and stock. He owned many cattle and on occasion drove them to favorable markets in the East. He accumulated a large fortune,

a part of this being 3,000 acres of land. After the death of his first wife, he married again. He had nine children by the first union and two by the second. Politically he was a Democrat.

James R. Hulse, father of our subject, was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 20, 1828, and spent his whole life in this locality, except a short period when he resided in Ross County. His death occurred September 6, 1899, at the age of 71 years. He inherited some 800 acres of land from his father's estate and on this he carried on extensive farming and stock-raising operations. Like many men of his time, he was unduly hospitable and generous and a large part of his fortune passed out of his hands. He was a staunch Democrat and served as township trustee for a long period. He married Eleanor Stipp, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, April 2, 1826, and who now at the age of 80 years resides with her son, William A. Hulse, in Jackson township. Her parents, Henry and Sarah Stipp, were both natives of Virginia. The children born to this marriage were: Henry Socrates, of Circleville; Sarah Rebecca, deceased at 21 years; Van Meter Stipp, of this sketch; James Reeves, of Jackson township; William A., of Jackson township; Stephen Arnold Douglas, deceased at 14 years; and Mary and George, both deceased.

Van Meter Stipp Hulse, our immediate subject, remained at home until he was 21 years of age and then worked out by the month for some three years prior to going to Moultrie County, Illinois, where he remained some 18 months and a like period in Iroquois County, in the same State. He then returned to Jackson township and worked on the farm for his father. At the death of the latter, he inherited his present home farm of 135.32 acres. Mr. Hulse also owns a farm of 61½ acres in Jackson township, and one of 96 acres in Pike County, 35 of which is timber land. He continues to operate his farm as a grain and stock farm, it being well adapted to both industries.

Mr. Hulse is one of the well-known, re-

spected citizens of Jackson township and enjoys the friendship and respect of his fellow-citizens. For many years the Hulse family has been one of the leading ones in this section.

GERMAIN JOSEPH, dealer in gentlemen's clothing and furnishings, at Nos. 109-111 Main street, Circleville, is a well-known business man of this city and has the largest store of its kind in Pickaway County. Mr. Joseph was born in France, March 12, 1853, and is a son of David Joseph.

After passing his early life in France, Mr. Joseph came to America when 17 years old and located in Cincinnati, where he remained for one year, clerking in a clothing store. In 1871 he removed to Circleville and took a position as clerk in the clothing store of Isaac Levy, where he remained until 1882; during the last five years of this period he was junior partner of the firm of Isaac Levy & Company. He then moved to Centralia, Illinois, where he conducted a clothing store until 1891, when he sold the store and returned to Circleville and established his present business, having at that time but one room. In 1901 he enlarged the store by renting another room, thus practically doubling his capacity for business. Mr. Joseph also owns the residence the family occupy on North Scioto street, which he purchased in 1900.

Mr. Joseph was married in 1880 to Emma Weill and they have five children: Merle, who was graduated from the Everts High School in 1905; Clara, Fanny, Helen and Samuel. Fraternally our subject is connected with the Masons; Knights of Pythias; Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of Honor.

WILLIAM HEDGES, the owner of a 100-acre farm in Walnut township and a well-known citizen of the eastern section of the county, is a native of Iowa, born December 28, 1850. He is a son of Gideon and Mary (McIntyre) Hedges, but at the age of about

three years came to Walnut township to live with Ezra Hedges, his father's cousin. His father joined the Union forces and when the boy was 13 years of age, died of disease contracted in the service, after which until he reached years of maturity Ezra Hedges was his foster father.

Ezra Hedges was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1817, being a son of Obed Hedges, a soldier of the War of 1812. He never married. Although now nearly 89 years of age he has enjoyed good health, until a comparatively recent date. It is safe to say that there is no resident of the township or county, who is more universally honored and loved than Ezra Hedges. He has always been a charitable man, and his goodness has invariably taken a practical direction. Although a bachelor, he has a deep love for children, and during his long and useful life has adopted several orphan boys and reared them to careers of usefulness and happiness.

William Hedges was married to Eva Fowler, a native of Ross County, Ohio, and have had two children, Ezra and John. The last named married Mary Roesse; they reside on the family homestead.

GHORNTON GLASSCOCK, an esteemed agriculturist of Darby township, residing on a well-improved estate of 167 acres, owned by himself and wife, is a native of Virginia and an old resident of Pickaway County. He was born in the Old Dominion, December 28, 1846, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (Leach) Glasscock and grandson of Thomas and Margaret Glasscock.

Thomas Glasscock and his wife were natives of Virginia and there spent much of their lives, engaged in farming. Four sons and three daughters were born to them.

John Glasscock, father of our subject, was born in Virginia and there grew to manhood and married Mary Ann Leach, only daughter of Thornton and Nancy (White) Leach, whose family also included four sons—Leroy,



WILLIAM HARVEY ALKIRE.



ABRAHAM REID ALKIRE.

Armster, William and Benjamin. Nine children were born to our subject's parents, namely: Mary, who died at the age of 13 years; Newton, who with his wife, Mary Jane Caldwell, is now deceased; Warren, who married Virginia Glasscock, his cousin, and now lives in Missouri; Margaret, whose husband, Alfred Stump, is now deceased; Sarah, who married Darius Shockley; Martha C., who married Rev. Robert W. Peters, a minister of the Baptist Church; Thornton, the subject of this sketch; and Alice, wife of Richard R. Leach, of Darby township—all born in Virginia; and William, the only member of the family born in Ohio, who married Ella Balla. Both parents died in 1895, the mother on February 4th and the father on November 18th.

Thornton Glasscock was eight years of age when the family located permanently in Ohio. Several years before, however, his parents with some of the children came to Ohio, but remained only a short time, when they returned to their old home in Virginia. Later all the members of the family came to Ohio, lived here two years and then started for Missouri. The family and goods were loaded into three wagons, one of them being a four-horse team driven by Thornton and his sister Sarah. The family did not long remain in Missouri, however, but returned to Ohio and located in what is now Darby township, Pickaway County, where Thornton Leach, the maternal grandfather of our subject, had purchased a tract of 600 acres of forest land. The country was quite unsettled at that time. Thornton Leach had made a clearing on this tract and here had built a rude log house, with a stick chimney and a puncheon floor, and with a quilt hung up for a door. It was amid such surroundings that William Glasscock, the youngest member of the family, was born.

On August 21, 1866, Thornton Glasscock was married to Frances Rush, daughter of John W. and Nancy (Yocham) Rush. Mrs. Glasscock's mother died in June, 1906. Besides Mrs. Glasscock, there were five sons and two daughters in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rush, namely: William, who was

twice married and both of whose wives, Sarah Worthington and Jennie Watson, are deceased; Jesse, deceased, who married Fidelia Seeds; John, also deceased, who never married; Nelson, who is single; Dennis, deceased, who never married; Sarah, who married George Burgett; and Alice, who married Theodore Shockley.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Glasscock, as below: Laura, who married John Gillen; Milton, deceased at the age of 24 years, who married Julia Johnson; Effa, who married Herman Matthews—both died within four months of each other, the latter on November 22, 1894, and the former on March 22, 1895, at about the age of 30 years, leaving three children (Harry, Alta and Laura), who are living with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glasscock; John R., a resident of Oregon, who is the father of one child; and Sarah, who married Nelson Martno, and has had seven children—Dennis (deceased), Francis, Rush, May, Ruth, Lewis and Edna.

Although the old family homestead was willed to Mr. Glasscock by his father, he came into possession of it before the latter's death. It consisted of 52 acres, besides which he inherited another farm of 27 acres. He purchased other tracts of land, his wife came into possession of landed property, and the result is their ownership, as stated, of 167 acres in Darby township. Mr. Glasscock has devoted the bulk of his time and energy to the care and improvement of his property. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and keeps in intelligent touch with the questions of the day.



WILLIAM HARVEY ALKIRE, vice-president of The Citizens' Bank at Mount Sterling, Madison County, may justly be regarded as one of the leading financiers and capitalists of this section of Ohio, as well as a most worthy and prominent representative of one of the old and important families of

Pickaway and Madison counties. Mr. Alkire honorably perpetuates a name which has been an American one since the days of Lord Baltimore's coming to the English colony now known as the State of Maryland, in the days of James I., of England. Since 1800 the family has been established in Ohio, and in this State, on the old homestead farm in Pleasant township, Madison County, William Harvey Alkire was born on July 20, 1857. His parents were Abraham Reid and Mary Jane (Tanner) Alkire.

In tracing the Alkire family from its earliest settler on the American shores, the line is followed from Maryland to Virginia, thence to Kentucky, and thence, in the time of our subject's grandfather, to Ohio. The family history is traced to Holland, where, in 1626, according to records at The Hague, there lived near Arnhem on the Rhine a family known from their baronetcy as Algire, which family bore a coat of arms given by William II., Prince of Orange. The arms were on a silver shield, signifying distinction, and may be thus described: Crest, a falcon, red beak and feet; bunch of grapes and wineglass; pike and cross sword; with the motto—"Cum Salus." In religious belief the Algires were Lutherans. It is presumed that the family removed from Scotland to Holland, probably on account of religious persecution, though possibly for more worldly considerations. In the 17th century one Almonas Alkire accompanied Lord Baltimore to America and settled on Albemarle Sound near the Virginia shore. He assisted the Governor in various campaigns against the Indians. In 1720, near Moorefield, Virginia (now West Virginia), the great-great-grandfather of our subject, Almonas Alkire by name, was married to Mary Crayman. The names of their four children have been preserved and are as follows: William, born in 1724; Deborah, born in 1728; Almonas, Jr., born in 1730; and Sarah, born in 1732.

William Alkire, the eldest son of Almonas Alkire, was probably reared in Virginia, where he was married to his first wife, Elizabeth Moore, who died later than 1797. She was

the mother of 12 children, namely: Mary Ann, born October 5, 1781, who married Courtney Tanner; Robert, born October 3, 1783, who married Elizabeth Douglass; John, born December 17, 1785, who died in infancy; Margaret, born in 1786, who married James Denison; Jacob, born April 1, 1787, who married Mary Phebus, who died March 20, 1842, his death following on June 5, 1847; Isaac, born October 12, 1788, who married Mary Graham; Abraham, born August 6, 1790; Lydia, born January 3, 1792, who married John Graham; Harmon, born February 10, 1794, who never married; John (2), born October 15, 1795, who married Susan Mantle; Delilah, born in 1796, who married John Metz; and William, born in 1797, who married Hannah Osborn.

William Alkire married, for his second wife, Temperance Clay, and had two sons by this union—Henry Green Clay and Joseph. Mrs. Alkire was a sister of the distinguished statesman, Henry Clay, for whom she named her eldest son, who was born May 25, 1807, and died July 23, 1863. He married Elizabeth Neff.

Abraham Alkire, the grandfather of William Harvey Alkire, and son of William and Elizabeth (Moore) Alkire, was probably born in Virginia and reared in Kentucky. His birth took place on August 6, 1790, and his death on May 19, 1859. In Ohio, on April 16, 1812, he married Jennie Martin Creath, who died January 27, 1862. They became the parents of these children: Mary Margaret, born February 5, 1813, who married John Tanner and died February 11, 1892; Elizabeth, born November 5, 1814, deceased May 17, 1815; William G., born July 24, 1817, who married Mary Ann Riddle and died July 5, 1846; Martha Jane, born February 7, 1827, who married Adam Kious, and died September 10, 1846; and Abraham Reid. Abraham Alkire and family were Presbyterians.

Abraham Reid Alkire, father of William Harvey Alkire, and son of Abraham, was born on the old Alkire homestead, in Pleasant township, Madison County, Ohio, on February 27, 1830. His father had settled in this section of Ohio in 1800, acquiring a very large body

of land, which included part of the present site of Mount Sterling and which was inherited by his children. Mr. Alkire was a man of intelligence, industry and foresight. Possessing much land, his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits in large measure. He was one of the directors of the toll road running from Mount Sterling to Harrisburg, a distance of eight miles, which was sold about 1883. He was one of the founders of The Citizens' Bank at Mount Sterling and was also president from the date of its organization, June 1, 1891, to the time of his death. In his death, on February 12, 1902, Madison County lost an exemplary, honored citizen. On October 18, 1855, he married Mary Jane Tanner, who was a daughter of Harvey and Hester Ann (Neff) Tanner. Harvey Tanner was born November 25, 1805, and died December 18, 1865; his wife was born March 11, 1811, and died October 31, 1864. Four children were born to Harvey Tanner and wife, namely: Rachel (Darst), who died aged 19 years, 9 months and 22 days; Abraham, who died at the age of 16 years, 5 months and 28 days; Courtney, aged 50 years; and Mary Jane (Alkire) mother of our subject, who was born February 22, 1839, and died October 10, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Reid Alkire had these children: William Harvey; Charles Francis, born March 4, 1860; Abraham Scott, born October 7, 1861; Corban Grant, born May 26, 1863; Tully Smith, born March 1, 1866; and Lillie Annie, born June 20, 1869. Charles Francis lives just outside the corporation of Mount Sterling. He is a stockholder in The Citizens' Bank and a member of Talmage Lodge, No. 194, Knights of Pythias. On December 7, 1882, he married Flora Heath; they have two children: William Reid, born January 29, 1885; and Abraham Clyde, both September 12, 1886. Abraham Scott lives in a beautiful home on his grandfather's homestead, in the corporation of Mount Sterling. He is a director in The Citizens' Bank and a member of Talmage Lodge, No. 194, Knights of Pythias. From 1891 to 1894 he was a member of the firm of Beale & Alkire, dealers in hardware, at Mount Sterling. He is presi-

dent of the Mount Sterling Building & Loan Company, a member of the Board of Education of Mount Sterling (of which he has been a member for the past 18 years with the exception of two terms) and was a member of the Council of Mount Sterling corporation for about 10 years. On December 17, 1884, he was married to Flora Augusta Beale. This union has been blessed with four children, namely: Coral, born September 22, 1885; Abraham Ross, born November 20, 1889; Mary Jane, born September 14, 1891; and Florence Amanda, born September 11, 1899. Corban Grant, who is a resident of Mount Sterling, was married, on June 29, 1898, to Clara Liggett, who was born April 22, 1868, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is a daughter of the late Col. John B. Liggett. They have no children. Tully Smith resides near Mount Sterling and is a stockholder in The Citizens' Bank and a member of Talmage Lodge, No. 194, Knights of Pythias. He was married on September 2, 1891, to Elizabeth Morris. Lillie Annie was married to Charles Edgar Zahn on March 23, 1891. Three children have been born to them, of whom two are now living. The record is as follows: Paul Alkire, born June 20, 1894; May, born December 18, 1896, deceased August 15, 1898; and Charles Ewin, born March 27, 1898.

On January 29, 1889, Abraham Reid Alkire married, for his second wife, Mrs. Flavilla (Coalton) Tenny, who died January 16, 1899, without issue. Mr. Alkire and family belonged to the First Christian Church of Mount Sterling.

William Harvey Alkire was reared on the old homestead farm in Pleasant township, Madison County, and received his education in the local schools. In 1880 he formed a partnership with John W. Graham, which business association continued to 1884, in which period they engaged extensively in buying and shipping hogs to Eastern markets. In 1885, in partnership with William Taylor, he engaged in shipping hogs and cattle to Eastern markets and Columbus, Ohio. Six years later, in 1891, he entered into partnership with his brother, Tully S. Alkire, and Robert H. Deyo, and en-

gaged in shipping hogs and wool. In 1892 the firm of Deyo & Alkire (Tully S. Alkire having retired) rented the elevator of C. Tanner & Company at Palestine, which had been built four years before by the following 12 farmers—Courtney Tanner, Sr., James B. Anderson, John W. Graham, William Davis, Milton J. Tootle, Charles A. Wilson, Robert H. Deyo, Peter J. Dick, William Denison, James Stone, Abraham Scott Alkire and William Harvey Alkire. The last named was president of C. Tanner & Company from the time the elevator was built until it was sold to Joseph Smith, of Circleville, in 1897. Mr. Alkire is the owner of a large amount of valuable land both in this and other counties, aggregating 868 acres in Pickaway and Madison counties, with a 230-acre farm in Vinton County, which has a 40-acre orchard on it. His brother and sister also own a large amount of valuable land in Pickaway and Madison counties. Mr. Alkire has one of the most beautiful homes in the eastern section of Madison County. It is a well-proportioned brick residence, situated on an eminence just out of Palestine, not far from Mount Sterling, the farm being known as "Deer Creek Farm." From the hospitable entrance of this home the surrounding country for miles around may be viewed as a beautiful picture. The disastrous wreck of 1891 on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad occurred not far from Mr. Alkire's residence, and quick and generous assistance was lent to the sufferers from the mansion on the hill.

On November 14, 1883, Mr. Alkire was united in marriage with Sierra Nevada Beatty, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Hopkins) Beatty, who had five children, namely: Harlan G., Elijah Adelbert, Sierra Nevada (Mrs. Alkire), Belle and Fannie. Mr. and Mrs. Alkire have four children, as follows: Essie, born October 24, 1884; Rife Tanner, born August 7, 1886; Floyd Smith, born May 10, 1888, and Homer Reid, born August 31, 1891.

Mr. Alkire is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has long been connected with The Citizens' Bank at Mount Sterling, both as a member of the board of directors and also as its vice-president. He is also a director of

the Mount Sterling Building & Loan Company. He has other interests, both commercial and social, and is a citizen who is thoroughly representative of the best residents of this favored part of the great commonwealth of Ohio, which his forefathers helped to develop.

Portraits of William Harvey Alkire and his father, Abraham Reid Alkire, accompany this sketch.

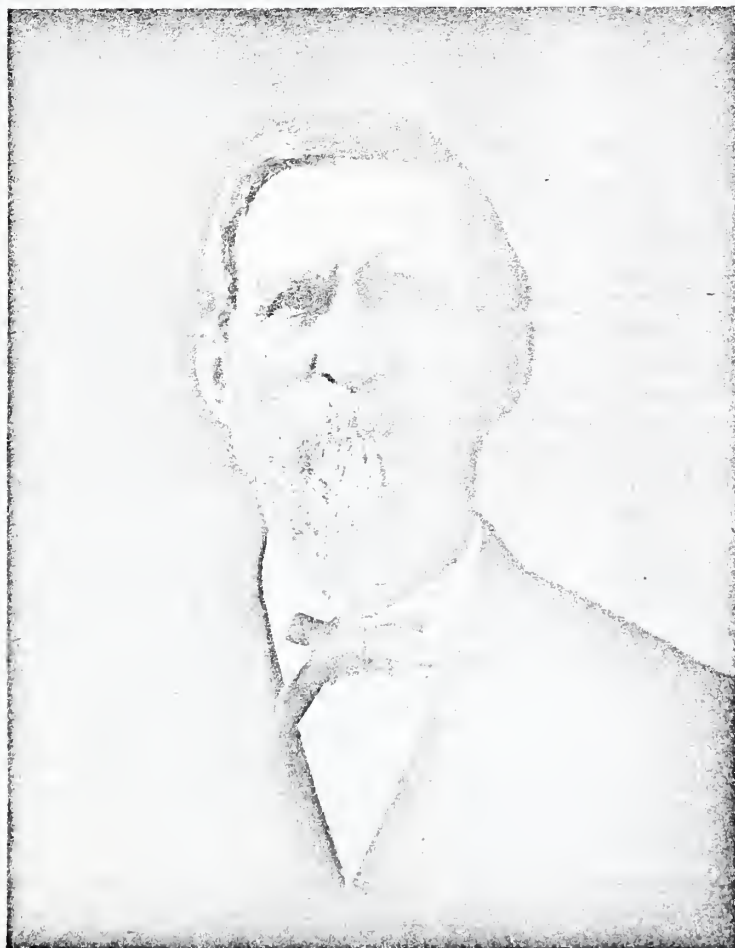


HENRY J. SMITH, a well-known citizen of Salt Creek township, and a veteran of the Civil War, resides on his finely cultivated, compact little farm of 26 acres, situated not far from Stringtown. Mr. Smith was born in Hocking County, Ohio, October 15, 1845, and is a son of Henry H. and Jeriah (Hosler) Smith.

The Smith family is one of the oldest in Hocking County. The parents of Mr. Smith were both born there and they resided for many years in Salt Creek township, in that county, where our subject was reared to manhood. He was educated in the township schools and followed farming until he left home to become a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War.

In July, 1864, Mr. Smith enlisted as a private soldier in Company G, 23rd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., of which the late beloved President McKinley was captain. This company and regiment became a part of the Army of the Potomac and took part in the Shenandoah Valley campaign, with Gen. Phil. H. Sheridan in command, and bore a gallant part at Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill and other points. Mr. Smith was a model soldier, did his duty cheerfully and bravely and was honorably discharged in July, 1865, at Cleveland, Ohio.

In September, 1871, Mr. Smith was married to Matilda Reid, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio, November 25, 1848, and is a daughter of James and Matilda (Cave) Reid. Her grandfather, George Reid, was an early settler in Pickaway County, but died in Hocking County, where her father, a native of Pickaway County, passed much of his life.



JOHN COURTRIGHT.

Her mother was a native of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had four children, the two survivors being Jennie M. and Virgil M. Mrs. Smith and daughter are members of the Evangelical Association.

In politics Mr. Smith has always been a staunch Republican. He was an earnest supporter of President McKinley, whom he had learned to thoroughly admire and esteem in the army. Formerly Mr. Smith belonged to the Grand Army post at Adelphi.



JOHN COURTRIGHT, one of the prominent agriculturists of Pickaway County, who is the owner of 700 acres of farming land, 225 acres of which lie along the county line between Pickaway and Fairfield county, in the latter county, has his home on the remainder which is situated in sections 11, 13 and 14. Walnut township, his residence being located near the corner of four sections. Mr. Courtright was born in the home he occupies, on January 28, 1838, and is a son of Hon. Jesse D. and Sallie (Stout) Courtright.

Hon. Jesse D. Courtright was born in Bloom township, Fairfield County, Ohio, May 5, 1811, and was a son of John Courtright, a Pennsylvanian, who came to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1801. Jesse D. Courtright was reared in Fairfield County. In August, 1831, he was married to Sallie Stout, who was a daughter of George Stout, a very prominent farmer of Washington township. For a time after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Courtright lived in Clear Creek township, Fairfield County, and for a short time in Washington township, Pickaway County, but in 1834 they moved to the farm now owned and occupied by their son John. In the following year Jesse D. Courtright erected the brick house which still serves as a comfortable family home. Mr. Courtright served for nearly a third of a century as a justice of the peace and was a member of the Ohio State Legislature for one term. He

died at Circleville, February 22, 1873. His wife survived until July, 1881.

John Courtright was reared and educated in Walnut township, where his business and family interests have always more or less been centered. On August 16, 1866, he was married to Minerva L. Brobst, who is a daughter of David and Leah Brobst, of Fairfield County, where Mrs. Courtright was born on February 8, 1846. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Courtright were: Alva Brobst, Sallie Florence, John David and Grace Cilicia. Alva Brobst, the eldest son, was born September 29, 1868, and was married in December, 1894, to Laura May Peters, a daughter of John Peters, of Scioto township, and they have one son, John Peters, born in December, 1896. Sallie Florence was born August 15, 1873, and on December 22, 1899, was married (first) to Rev. E. J. Snyder, who died 10 months later; on September 19, 1905, she was married (second) to Harry Reichelderfer, of Salt Creek township. John David was born September 30, 1875, and died November 20, 1885. The youngest daughter was born March 16, 1881, and resides at home.

Mr. Courtright has always been identified with the Democratic party. He has frequently been called upon to serve in offices of trust and responsibility. He has been on the School Board, has served as township trustee and is serving his second term as trustee of the Pickaway County Children's Home. By Governor Herrick he was appointed a member of the State board of control of the Ohio Agricultural Experimental Station, a board made up of two Democrats and three Republicans. Mr. Courtright has always shown great interest in the Grange movement, regarding it as a helpful organization for agriculturists, and served as master of Nebraska Grange for 28 years. For almost 24 years he has served as a director of the Reber Hill Cemetery, of Walnut township. For 47 years he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, and served as worshipful master several terms. No man stands higher in public esteem in this section than does John Courtright, whose portrait accompanies this sketch.

GEORGE W. HARTMAN, county recorder of Pickaway County, whose pleasant home is situated at No. 527 East Franklin street, Circleville, was born in this city on October 17, 1855, and is a son of William D. and Catherine (Glantzer) Hartman.

The parents of our subject were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Ohio. In 1861 his parents moved from Pickaway to Fairfield County, Ohio, where both died. They were farmers. Their family numbered 12 children.

George W. Hartman was reared and educated in Fairfield County where he lived from the age of six years. He was a member of a large family and as soon as he was physically able learned a self-supporting trade, making choice of that of plasterer, at which he worked until 1889, when he came to Pickaway County. He has always been more or less prominent in Democratic politics and shortly after returning to Circleville was elected assessor, serving in that office for two terms and later as township clerk. In 1900 he was elected county recorder and approbation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of this office was shown by his fellow-citizens in his re-election in 1903.

Mr. Hartman was married (first) to Jennie Kesler and they had two children. Mrs. Hartman died in 1903. He married (second) Rosie Angell. Mr. Hartman is a member of the United Brethren Church.

DENNIS C. RADER, whose well-improved farm of 198 3-5 acres is located in section 18, Pickaway township, divided into two tracts, is one of the representative men of the locality and is a member of the township Board of Education. He was born in Pike County, Ohio, May 28, 1870, and is a son of James and Mary A. (Shock) Rader. Extended mention of this old pioneer family will be found in another part of this work, in the sketch of Burr H. Rader.

Dennis C. Rader was still a lad when his parents moved to Pickaway County, in 1875, and he was reared and educated in Pickaway township. His training was all in the direction of agriculture and it served to make him a practical, successful farmer.

On March 21, 1893, Mr. Rader was married to Louise Bougher, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Benjamin Bougher, formerly of Pickaway County, but now a resident of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Rader was six months old when her parents brought her to Pickaway County and she was reared in Pickaway township.

Mr. Rader is identified with the Democratic party as was his father before him. He is serving his first term as a member of the township Board of Education and performs his duty according to the highest demands of good citizenship. He is one of the leading members of Emmett Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, of Pickaway township.

SOLOMON GLOYD, a successful farmer of Harrison township, was born January 22, 1842, in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Myrom and Mary Gloyd.


Myrom Gloyd, who was a native of Vermont, located in Columbus upon coming to Ohio; later he moved to Pickaway County, where he passed the remainder of his life.

Solomon Gloyd lost his father when but 12 years old and the following year his mother died. He received a very limited education in the common schools of Walnut township and was reared on a farm. Mr. Gloyd has lived on his present farm for over 40 years, having come to Harrison township when 18 years of age. He continued to live here for 14 years after his marriage, then lived outside the township for a time; ever since returning to the township, he has lived on this farm.

Mr. Gloyd operates a farm of 216 acres and is recognized as one of the leading farmers of the county. He has operated the Dill Bur-

gett farm of 100 acres for a period of 10 years and at present runs the Sarah Jane Wiggins farm of 116 acres also; from the Wiggins farm in 1905 he produced about 2,000 bushels of grain and from the Dill Burgett farm he raised 1,400 bushels of grain—the largest with one exception of any crop ever raised.

On January 4, 1863, Mr. Gloyd was married to Sophia Leonard. Mrs. Gloyd came with her parents from Switzerland in 1851. Her father, David Leonard, was born near Basle, Switzerland, as was Mrs. Gloyd, also. Mr. Leonard died in Bloom township, Fairfield County, Ohio, as did his wife. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd, namely: Henry, who resides in Ashville; John, who resides south of South Bloomfield on the Bill Adams farm; Mary, wife of Frank DeLong, living near Groveport, Franklin County; Minnie, who married Jesse O'Day and lives at Commercial Point; Mahala, deceased, whose first husband was Frank Goodman, and her second, John French; Charles, who died in childhood; Frank, who accidentally shot himself, dying at the age of 17 years; and Carl, who died in infancy. Eufala Goodman, a bright lass of 12 years, our subject's granddaughter, has lived with her grandparents since she was three years old. Mrs. Gloyd is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at South Bloomfield. Mr. Gloyd has been a lifelong Democrat.

ARRY W. MOORE, the junior member of the well-known mercantile firm of Davis & Moore, at Darbyville, was born at Darbyville, on October 26, 1874, and is a son of William Henry Harrison and Anna (Buckler) Moore.


William H. H. Moore was also born in Darbyville and lived here until just prior to the opening of the Civil War, when he removed to Paxton, Illinois. In 1861 he enlisted in an Illinois regiment and served faithfully for four years, participating in many of the great battles of the war. After its close, he returned to Darbyville and conducted a grocery business here for some three years before his

death. His store was accidentally burned and he did not resume business. He was one of the active Democrats of this section. He was of Virginia stock, his father having been born in the Old Dominion.

After his return from the army, William H. H. Moore was married to Anna Buckler, who was born at Darbyville, some 62 years ago. She still survives, living on the old home place. Her father was Rev. Abraham Buckler, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. William H. H. Moore and wife had these children: Sally, wife of W. G. Burroughs, of Superior, Wisconsin; Emma, wife of J. A. Hewitt, of London; Stanley, deceased, who was a resident of Zanesville, Ohio; Harry W.; and Chauncy, deceased.

Harry W. Moore obtained an excellent education, remaining in school until about 19 years of age, his advantages including a course at a business college. At the close of seven years of business with Dr. J. E. Miller at Darbyville, Mr. Moore bought his partner's interest and in December, 1903, became a partner with Prof. C. W. Davis, of Darbyville. The firm is a leading one of the town and carries a large and well selected stock of general merchandise.

Politically Mr. Moore is a Democrat. He has taken a very active part in political matters for a number of years. He has been a member of the Democratic Central Committee for three years and for one year was a member of the Executive Committee, has been clerk of the village and for one year has been a member of the Council. His fraternal relations are with the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Darbyville and with the Odd Fellows lodge at Derby. He is a good business man and a frank, outspoken citizen.

G. HAYS, who is engaged in an insurance business at Circleville, was for a number of years a ranchman in the West and later a successful farmer in Jackson township, Pickaway County. He was born in 1852 in Indiana, where he was reared and educated.

In 1879 Mr. Hays went to Kansas, where


he remained for 18 years, engaged in raising and shipping cattle. In the spring of 1882 he went to Texas and brought to Kansas 1,800 head of cattle for the company in which he was interested. Their ranch was located in "No Man's Land," near Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas, where they had some 4,000 cattle grazing. The bringing of 1,800 head all the way from Texas was considerable of an undertaking, requiring 71 days of travel on the old trail of the Oklahoma survey. At the time the Red River was crossed, it was a mile wide, the cattle swimming and the party crossing on rafts. Cattle were shipped from Dodge City to Kansas City and Chicago and during Mr. Hays' business experience there, he shipped many thousands.

In 1897 Mr. Hays returned to the East and settled in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he still owns a farm of 500 acres. James R. Huls, the grandfather of Mr. Hays' wife, bought 1,500 acres from Lieutenant Colonel Cable, in 1822, which had been secured by the latter in 1812. The patent was signed by President Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe, Secretary of State. This parchment is in possession of the Hays family. In 1903 Mr. Hays left the farm and moved to Circleville in order to give his children better educational advantages. Since locating here, he has engaged in an insurance business, representing the New York Life Insurance Company; during the past year he has paid out the sum of \$10,000 in death losses in Pickaway County.

In 1884 Mr. Hays was married to Mary Huls, a daughter of Arestes Huls and a granddaughter of James R. Huls. The last named was born in New York and was one of the early and prominent settlers of Pickaway County. From his large estate he furnished many cattle for the American Army during the War of 1812.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays have three children, viz.: A. Huls, who superintends his father's farm; and Griffith and Helen, who are students in the Circleville High School. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church. During his residence in Jackson township, Mr.

Hays served two terms as township treasurer. He is a member of Circleville Lodge, No. 77, B. P. O. E.

OBERT McDOWELL GIBSON, a leading instructor and representative citizen of Scioto township, still residing on the farm purchased by his grandfather in 1839, was born on the old family homestead November 6, 1872. He is a son of Eleazar W. and Louisa Virginia (Walker) Gibson, and was reared, educated and developed into his present prominence in his native township. Mr. Gibson laid the foundation of a thorough education and a broad intelligence in the district schools, which he attended until 1888, in the meantime taking a course of six months at the Central College Academy. Co-incident with his mental training, he enjoyed the discipline and healthful influences of farm life, so that the physical and intellectual have gone hand in hand and combined to form a virile and substantial nature.

The five years spent by our subject as a teacher in Pickaway County have given him an enviable reputation as an instructor. In 1894-95 he taught school in District No. 7 and in 1898-99, in District No. 11, both in Scioto township. For two years he taught in District No. 2, Jackson township, and during 1905-06 was principal of Deer Creek township school. At the last meeting of the School Board of Scioto township, he was elected to the principalship of the Robtown School.

From boyhood Mr. Gibson has been of a studious disposition and has taken a deep interest in educational work; the practical application of his earlier literary training, in the field of pedagogics, has been most meritorious. In his treatment of pupils he is firm, but always kind, and above all endeavors to command the respect and confidence of those whose training is intrusted to him. He has earned a high reputation as a public speaker, and his services are in quite frequent demand, especially in the sections where he has lived so many years and where he is best known.

Eleazar W. Gibson, the father of our subject, was a native of Montgomery County, Ohio, born near Dayton on the 7th of February, 1821. When eight years of age he removed with his parents to Scioto township, Pickaway County, the family locating on a farm a mile southeast of Commercial Point, where he resided until his death July 11, 1894. As a young man his occupations were various, but the greater portion of his life was devoted to husbandry, and at the time of his marriage he owned the farm on which his heirs now reside.

On the 17th of May, 1865, Eleazar W. Gibson was married to Louisa Virginia Walker, daughter of John and Elizabeth Walker. One son—Robert McDowell, and three daughters—Emma, Sarah Margaret and Ruie—were born to this union. Emma attended the public schools of Scioto township, and spent a year in study at Reynoldsburg. Her career as a teacher extended over a period of 10 years. For five years she taught in District No. 1, Jackson township, Franklin County; for about four years in Scioto township, Pickaway County, and the remainder of the time at Grove City, Franklin County. Sarah Margaret received her education in the schools of Scioto township, and while her brother and elder sister were teaching remained at home caring for her mother, who for some years was partially blind. She still resides on the old homestead. Ruie was also educated in the district schools of Scioto township and in 1900 graduated from the Scioto Township High School, at Commercial Point. The mother of the family, Louisa Virginia (Walker) Gibson, who was born March 20, 1835, survived her husband for seven years, her death occurring February 20, 1901, at the age of 65 years and 11 months.

Robert Gibson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1816, and in 1818 married Ruhamah Williamson, daughter of Capt. Eleazar Williamson. After their marriage they moved to Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, where they remained until 1829, when they located in Scioto township, Pickaway County, about a

mile southeast of Commercial Point, where Mr. Gibson had purchased from his father-in-law, Captain Williamson, the farm that is now the Gibson homestead, which is in the possession of our subject and his three sisters.

Robert Gibson, while a resident of Pennsylvania, served in the War of 1812, among other duties being assigned to the work incident to the construction of Fort Meigs. His death occurred in 1854; his wife survived him until September 6, 1876.

Capt. Eleazar Williamson was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1747, and his wife was a Miss McConnell. He migrated to Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1800, and eight years later removed to Scioto township, Pickaway County, where he received, in consideration for his military services, 100 acres of land near the present site of Commercial Point, which was known for many years afterward (until its purchase by Robert Gibson) as the Williamson homestead. Captain Williamson died February 28, 1832.

Captain Williamson was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and also played a conspicuous part in the campaign against the Indians in 1782. During that and the following year he was in command of the second Company of the Third Battalion, Washington County Militia. In the campaign of 1782 he was under Colonel Crawford, and when ordered to attack the savages held his men back, but bravely withstood the assaults of the enemy during the entire day. In this engagement, he was the only officer who brought his company away from the field of battle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, the paternal grandparents of our subject, were born the following six children: Eleazar W., father of our subject; James A., who married Hester A. Crabb; Martha A., who became the wife of George W. Scholey; Mary J., who remained single throughout life; Rebecca, who married Garrett E. Conover; and Sarah, who became the wife of Luther Lerch. In connection with the history of the Gibson family, it may here be stated that the first of the name to settle in America came from Ireland.

For many years Robert Gibson and his

wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, as are the present members of the family; the mother of our subject, however, was a Methodist. Robert M. Gibson and his sisters are all members of the Presbyterian Church at Commercial Point.

For many generations the Gibsons have been Republicans, and our subject is now active in the councils of the party. He has served as a delegate to various conventions in the county, and on various occasions has done effective work as a campaign orator. Since boyhood, in fact, he has been locally noted as a speaker.

The farm occupied by Robert M. Gibson and his sisters as the family homestead consists of 175 acres and represents a valuable property. They are especially identified with the educational progress of Scioto township, and their home is therefore the center of much of the intellectual activity of the community. As Mr. Gibson himself is a young man of marked ability and acumen, and has also behind him several generations of strong pioneer ancestry, there is every likelihood that he is at but the commencement of his career and that his advancement in the future will be even more rapid than in the past.



WILLIAM COLBERT HATFIELD, a member of the board of trustees of Monroe township, and a citizen of standing and influence, was born on the old Hatfield farm in Monroe township, on September 29, 1842. He is a son of Seth and Margaret (Longberry) Hatfield.

The venerable father of our subject still survives, although he has passed his 95th milestone. He was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, when it was but a village, on May 15, 1811, and is a son of John Hatfield, who was born in England. The latter came to America when a young man and located first in Maryland, but later pushed on into Ohio, and settled for a time at Chillicothe. There he contracted his first marriage and reared five children, viz.:

Mary, Hetty, Elijah, Seth and John W. By a second marriage the family was increased by these children: Shadrach, Anderson G., Nelson, Caroline, Nancy, Sarah Ellen and Maria.

After the death of his mother, Seth Hatfield was bound out to a blacksmith, with whom he learned a trade, which he followed more or less through the whole of his active life. He was about 19 years of age when he accompanied the family to Pickaway County, where his father purchased about 100 acres of land. After his own marriage, in 1834, he bought a small farm in Monroe township, on which he built a blacksmith shop and continued to work at his trade until 1861, when he sold his first farm and bought a farm of 220 acres, on the Lester mill road, where he now lives. Mr. Hatfield has witnessed wonderful changes since he first came to this part of Ohio and can describe the primitive appearance of the now bustling city of Chillicothe, as it was in his childhood. In 1834 he married Margaret Longberry, a daughter of Charles Longberry, who had come to Pickaway County from Pennsylvania. They had these children: Mary Jane, who married Frank Hill—both now deceased; Orlando, who married Margaret Griffith and is now deceased; Elijah L., who married Charlotte Morton and resides in Darby township; William C., the subject of this sketch; Susan A., who resides near our subject; Felix R., a member of the 114th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., who died in the army; Rhoda, who married William Taylor Dennis and resides in Monroe township; Ezra, who married Hetty Smith and lives in Monroe township; and Seth, Jr., who died in infancy.

William C. Hatfield has resided on his present home farm of the Hatfield family since his father purchased it in 1861. He owns a farm of 40 acres and carries on general farming and stock-raising for which the land is particularly well adapted. In addition to managing his large agricultural operations, Mr. Hatfield has given much attention to public matters in his township and at various times has been elected to important local offices. In 1868 he served through one term as constable

and made a good officer. In 1893 he was first elected township trustee, serving until 1895, and was elected again in 1905 and assumed the duties of the office in January, 1906. He is an honest, straight-forward man, one in whom his fellow-citizens repose the greatest confidence.

In 1883, Mr. Hatfield was married to Susan Redding, who is a daughter of Reuben and Nancy Redding, the former of whom died some 30 years since. Mrs. Redding resides with her daughter, Mrs. Hatfield. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield have four sons, viz.: John Arthur, Seth Emery, Festus Webster and Cecil Clark, all residing at home. They have all been afforded excellent educational advantages and are fine types of intelligent American young manhood.



WILLIAM M. STIMMEL, a well-known resident of Kingston, and the owner of a well-cultivated farm of 155 acres, located in Pickaway township, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, January 20, 1860, and is a son of John and Mary (Miller) Stimmel.

The Stimmel family is of German extraction, as is the Miller, and both settled in Ohio in the days we call remote. Counting by years they are not so far away, but counting by the advance in civilization and the wonderful progress attained through the efforts of these same pioneers, the time is distant indeed. The Stimmels settled in Franklin County, where John Stimmel was born, and the Millers in Fairfield County. The father of our subject died when he was still in boyhood, but the mother still survives, in her 77th year, and resides in Franklin County.

William M. Stimmel grew up on the home farm in Franklin County and attended the district schools. From boyhood he worked on the farm and thus grew up a thoroughly competent farmer.

On May 22, 1889, Mr. Stimmel was married to Ida M. Hassenpflug, who was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 15, 1863, and is a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Black) Hassenpflug. John Has-

senpflug, the paternal grandfather, was born in Holland; after emigrating to America, he settled first for a period in Pennsylvania, but later came as an early settler to Ross County, Ohio, where he died full of years. Joseph Hassenpflug was born in Pennsylvania and was 15 years of age when he accompanied his parents to Ross County. After his marriage to Martha Black, who was born in Pickaway County, he located in Pickaway township, where he engaged for many years in farming, but subsequently retired to Circleville, where he and his wife died, both in June, 1895. He was a supporter of the Republican party. Both he and his wife were valued and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children of Joseph Hassenpflug and wife were: Missouri E., wife of Daniel Dunkel, of Lawrence, Kansas; Agnes J., wife of Clay Snyder, of Kingston; Emma L., wife of John Given, of Circleville; and Ida M., wife of our subject.

For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Stimmel lived on the old farm in Pickaway township, but in 1904 they retired to Kingston, where they have a very comfortable home. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingston, and they have many pleasant social ties in this village. Mr. Stimmel is a member of the Masonic lodge at Circleville.



JOHN WARDELL, a director of the Second National Bank of Circleville, and one of the successful men of Pickaway County, was born in England, in April, 1831, and is one of a family of three children born to his parents, who were John and Anna (Bealby) Wardell, farming people of England.

Mr. Wardell had little more than attained manhood when he left his native land, where he had been well educated. Landing in the city of New York, after the voyage across the Atlantic, he came on to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he arrived in November, 1853. His capital was small and for years very hard work was his portion, but with persistent industry he has become one of the cap-

italists of Wayne township, where he owns a fine farm of 400 acres. This he has cultivated and improved until it is a very valuable possession.

Mr. Wardell has been married three times. His first wife, Sarah Douglas, was a native of England, where they were married. She died after they came to the United States. His second wife was Mary Clearwater, whom he married in Wayne township; they had nine children, eight of whom are now living. The third marriage was to Lydia Clearwater, to which union one child was born, Margaret, who resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. Wardell, with their children, belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Clearwater family, into which Mr. Wardell married, is one of the old, pioneer families of Pickaway County.

Mr. Wardell is a strong Republican and has served as trustee of Wayne township for two terms. Since 1900 he has been one of the directors of the Second National Bank of Circleville. The family home, since removing from the farm, has been at No. 335 East Union street, Circleville. Mr. Wardell is a self-made man. He has comfortably reared a large family and has given them good educational and social advantages. He has developed those sterling traits of character which make him respected and beloved at home and universally esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

JOHN KEGG, who has been identified with Pickaway County for the past 63 years, resides on his well-improved farm of 142 acres, situated on the Young road, off the Commercial Point turnpike, in Scioto township. His parents were Christian and Catherine Elizabeth Kegg.

Christian Kegg and wife, who were natives of Germany, emigrated to America, with their eldest son, in 1827. Mr. Kegg was a brick-maker and he found employment at Columbus, Ohio, where the family lived for some years, during which time the family was increased by the birth of five children. With an increasing family, the father sought wider opportunities for them and decided to settle on a

farm, although his means were limited. His opportunity came when the John Law land was for sale, at \$4 an acre. It was situated right in the woods and our subject, who was born here some years later, can well remember when it was still wild and uncleared and neighbors were far distant. Both father and mother died on this farm, the former in 1859 and the latter in 1867. They were honest, industrious, virtuous people and set a good example to their children, two of whom were born in Pickaway County.

The children of Christian Kegg and wife were: Godfrey, born in Germany, who married Ella Cunningham and resides in Georgia; William, now a resident of Pickaway County, who was born in Columbus and married Caroline Eacher; Charles, who married (first) Sidney Clifton and (second) Mary McFarland, and lives at Morgan's Station (Orient P. O.); Catherine, who married John Seeds, of Pickaway County; Mary, who married Amarias Jackson, of Madison County; Caroline, who is the widow of Thomas Peterson; Louisa, deceased, who was the wife of the late John McCord; Elizabeth, born in Pickaway County, who married Nelson Cassidy; and John.

John Kegg, the youngest son in his parents' family, has made his home all his life on the farm on which he was born, not having been absent from it for any extended period. Near the close of the Civil War he enlisted for 100 days, in the 133rd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., served out his time and then resumed the management of the farm for his mother. After her death he purchased the interests of the other heirs and has conducted large farming and stock-raising operations here up to the present time. Mr. Kegg is acknowledged to be one of the most successful horse and swine raisers in the county. He makes a specialty of the Poland-China hog, crossed with the Berkshire. He takes a great deal of pride in his fine horses and none but the very best can be found here. His comfortable residence, a great, roomy, frame structure, its 10 rooms easily sheltering all the family when they are at home and still leaving room for the exercise of the generous hospitality in which Mr. Kegg rejoices, commands a fine view of the Young



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road, just off the much-traveled Commercial Point turnpike. Many improvements to house and barn were made by Mr. Kegg after he became the owner of the farm.

In 1868 Mr. Kegg was married to Jane Baker, who died in 1893. She was one of the children born to Lewis and Mary (Mitchell) Baker, the others being: Howard, Albert, Anna, Ella, Belle, Andrew and Earl. In September, 1896, Mr. Kegg was married to Mrs. Emma (Neff) Murphy, widow of George W. Murphy, and daughter of George and Amanda (Berry) Neff. Both parents of Mrs. Kegg died in 1882 at their home, which is now the farm of A. L. Shockley. Their children were: Lydia, who married George Devo; Jesse, who married Mary Wilson; Harley, who married Eva Demilt; Thomas, who married Ida Fetherolf, daughter of S. S. Fetherolf, postmaster and oldest merchant at Era; and David, who lives unmarried, at Derby.

By her first marriage Mrs. Kegg had three children, viz.: Elta Florence, who married Harry Brown, who is the contractor for all the big Hartman barns in South Columbus; Edna Fay; and Fletcher Lee, who assists his brother-in-law, Mr. Brown. Mr. Kegg's six children were all born to his first marriage, as follows: George, who died in boyhood; Albert, who served in the Spanish-American War, enlisting from Washington, passed 18 months in the Philippine Islands and now is in business at Los Angeles, California; and Frank, Jesse, Nelson and Wallace, all of whom live in California, where they have gained health and good positions.

Mr. Kegg has served on the School Board and as township trustee. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is one of the very highly esteemed citizens of Scioto township.



WILSON FISHER, a successful farmer and well-known citizen of Scioto township, who operates a farm of 323 acres, was born November 27, 1842, in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He is a son of John G. and Mary (Jordan) Fisher.

The Fishers settled among the pioneers of

Jackson township, Pickaway County, 91 years ago. John and Absalom Fisher, the great-grandfather and the grandfather of our subject, came from Virginia, in 1815, and the former died in Jackson township at the age of 86 years. Absalom Fisher died in 1865, in Illinois, in his 77th year, his wife having passed away in 1863.

John G. Fisher, father of Wilson Fisher, was born in Virginia on February 27, 1813, and was only two years old when the family settled in Ohio. He lived all his life in Jackson and Scioto townships. He died in 1887 in Scioto township in his 75th year. He married Mary Jordan, a daughter of Andrew Jordan, of Franklin County, Ohio. She was born in that county, August 31, 1818, and died in Jackson township, Pickaway County, in October, 1886. Their children were: Matilda; Jane, wife of D. V. Shook, of Circleville; Wilson, of this sketch; Mary C., widow of John Hall, who now lives in Pickaway County, coming here from Illinois; Andrew M., a farmer of Paulding County, Ohio; Cindia E., who died in 1895; Absalom, a farmer of Paulding County, Ohio; Josephine; Frances E.; and Tirzah C., deceased, who was the wife of Lewis Haynes.

Wilson Fisher attended the subscription and district schools in his native township, attending mainly in the winter time and working for wages in the summer. He thus reached his 20th year, by which time he was a pretty fair farmer. The outbreak of the Civil War, however, aroused a feeling of loyalty in his breast and he soon settled the current of his life for the next three years by enlisting in the service of his country. He became a member of the 45th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., under Col. Benjamin P. Runkle, Capt. George Ross and Lieut. Elias F. Scott, and was mustered in at Camp Chase on August 10, 1862. The regiment was sent to the front and during the whole of Mr. Fisher's service bore a prominent part in the dangers and hardships which attend army life. Mr. Fisher was wounded on June 9, 1863, in an engagement at Rocky Face, which was serious enough to entitle him to a furlough home. He returned as soon as recuperated and was with his regiment under

General Burnside through the East Tennessee campaign, was with General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and later was with General Thomas at Nashville and Franklin. His regiment followed Hood's forces when they retreated to Huntsville, Alabama, and then was sent to Virginia where it was stationed when the war closed. The regiment was mustered out at Nashville in June, 1865.

After the close of his honorable army service, Mr. Fisher returned to agricultural pursuits in Ohio. In 1868 he went to Illinois, but 14 months later returned to Pickaway County and engaged in farming in Jackson township, where he continued until 1884. He then located on the Wayne Caldwell farm of 323 acres in Scioto township, on which he has resided for 21 years. He is one of the most successful farmers of this locality and under his capable management this farm produces enormously. He runs five teams, has about 200 acres in corn and 100 in wheat, raises a great deal of hay and has fine cattle, horses and hogs. He farms along modern lines and makes use of the machinery which every enterprising farmer now demands.

Mr. Fisher is identified with the Republican party, coming from a family of old-line Whigs. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, a member of Pickaway Lodge at Ashville. He belongs to Groce Post, G. A. R., at Circleville and enjoys meeting old comrades and recalling with them the days of 1861-65 and of the heroic deeds in which they participated. Mr. Fisher is a very pleasant man to meet, sociable and genial, these qualities being natural as he is a total abstainer from all kinds of stimulants. A portrait of Mr. Fisher, executed from a recent photograph, accompanies this sketch.

JOHN GRIESHEIMER, deceased, was a highly respected citizen and excellent farmer of Scioto township, where he owned 90 acres of land which he had developed from a wild condition. Mr. Griesheimer was born May 25, 1856, at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, and was a son of Martin and Barbara Griesheimer.

Both parents of Mr. Griesheimer were born in Germany. They came to America in 1840 and located at Chillicothe, Ohio. The mother died in 1865, but the father still survives, aged 77 years. Martin Griesheimer is survived by a brother, Lewis, who resides at Columbus; a sister, Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Wetzel, of Chillicothe; and by Frank and Christine, a half-brother and half-sister.

The late John Griesheimer was reared and educated at Chillicothe. Soon after his marriage, he located in Scioto township, Pickaway County, where he resided until his death on May 28, 1902. He had improved his farm with a very comfortable and attractive residence and made many substantial improvements which combine to make his one of the most valuable farms in the township.

On March 2, 1881, Mr. Griesheimer was united in marriage with Elizabeth Goebel, a daughter of Philip and Otila (Griesheimer) Goebel. Philip Goebel, who was a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, died in September, 1892, aged 51 years; his wife died in August, 1879, aged 37 years. Their children were the following: Elizabeth, widow of John Griesheimer; Ella, wife of Montgomery Divon, of Springfield, Missouri; Julia, wife of N. A. Brown, of Florence, Alabama, where Mr. Brown is connected with the iron industry; George and Caroline, both deceased; and Mary, wife of Leonard O'Harra, residing at Commercial Point. The grandfather of Mrs. Griesheimer was Jacob Goebel, who was at one time a well-known resident of Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Griesheimer had four children, viz.: Albert, the manager of the home farm; Ella, who lives at home with her mother; William, also living on the home farm, and Karl Emmett, deceased.

In politics Mr. Griesheimer was a Democrat. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both of his sons belong to the Modern Woodmen of America. They are industrious, manly young Americans and in the management of the farm follow closely the excellent methods in which their late father found success. Mrs. Griesheimer is a valued member of the Presbyterian Church at Commercial Point.

EDWARD VALENTINE, one of the best known citizens of Pickaway County, prominently connected with stock interests and known all over as owner of the noted horse, "Maggie V.," resides on what is known as the "Maggie V. Stock Farm," which is a tract of 180 acres, situated in section 20, Circleville township. Mr. Valentine belongs to one of the old families of the county and was born at Circleville, Ohio, April 12, 1861, being a son of Israel and Catherine (Stout) Valentine.

The Valentine family is of German extraction and the grandparents of Mr. Valentine were the founders of the family in Ohio, coming here from Baltimore, Maryland. As early as 1800 the grandfather, John Valentine, traveled over a large part of the State on horseback and finally selected a tract in Circleville township, Pickaway County, which he purchased from his father-in-law, Jacob Zeiger, a still earlier settler.

Israel Valentine, son of John and father of Edward, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, January 26, 1819. He remained at home with his father until the age of 22 years and then started out for himself, purchasing 83 acres in Circleville township. In 1841 he married Caroline Stout, a daughter of John Stout, of Pennsylvania. Later Mr. Valentine added 86 acres and still later bought the old Stout farm of 200 acres in Washington township. Other property that he subsequently bought consisted of the Market farm of 105 acres, in Circleville township; the old Zearing farm of 80 acres, in Fairfield County and the old Tobey farm of 200 acres, in Washington township. At one time he owned 760 acres of valuable land, the greater part of it being subsequently given to his sons. Israel Valentine died in November, 1903, his wife having passed away in 1887. They had reared a family of 11 children, viz.: William, Lydia A., Lizzie, John, George, James, Mary, Emanuel, Sarah E., and Edward and Israel S. (twins).

Edward Valentine was reared in Circleville township and attended the local school. He has always made his home in this locality. In addition to his homestead he owns a farm of

103 acres in Washington township, which is occupied by a tenant. The Circleville township farm is owned jointly by himself and wife. In association with his twin brother, Israel S. Valentine, our subject has been identified with the breeding of race horses for some years. At the present time they own a string of 10 head, among them being the beautiful mare, "Maggie V.," which has a record of 2:12½. This valuable mare is well known and appreciated in racing circles and when it took the prize of \$2,000 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, taking the second heat in 2:12½ and also winning the third and fourth heats, beating the great race horse, "Klondike," for the first time in the latter's racing life, immense sums were offered the Valentine Brothers for the little beauty. They value it too highly, however, to be induced to part with it and there is every expectation that "Maggie V." will lower her already remarkable record.

On October 28, 1886, Mr. Valentine was married to Maggie D. Walters, who is a daughter of John J. and Mary (Dresbach) Walters. They have one son, John Walters, who was born August 24, 1887.

Mr. Valentine is a member of the township School Board. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

DANIEL W. BALDOSER, an excellent farmer and substantial citizen of Pickaway township, has resided on his present farm in this township since 1901. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 10, 1867, and is a son of Daniel and Harriet (North) Baldoser.


The father of Mr. Baldoser was born in Pennsylvania and came to Fairfield County, Ohio, at a very early date. He still survives, in his 83rd year, residing in Clear Creek township, Fairfield County. He married Harriet North, who was a daughter of James North, an early settler of Clear Creek township, Fairfield County, where she was born and reared. She died in 1882. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Theodore, deceased; Albert E., who resides in the State of Wash-

ington; Effie M. (Lutz), of Fairfield County, Ohio; Daniel W., of this sketch; Austin, of Muskingum County, Ohio; William L., of the State of Washington; and Lucy (Doser), of Muskingum County, Ohio.

Daniel W. Baldoser grew up as other country lads, attending school and assisting at home until he was old enough to learn the bakery business, in which he was engaged for five years at Kingston. For a number of years, however, he has given his entire attention to agriculture.

On May 16, 1894, Mr. Baldoser was married to Julia Orr, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, April 12, 1861, and is a daughter of Simeon and Hannah (Kelly) Orr, both parents being natives of Ross County. The father died in 1894. The mother, who has reached her 68th year, resides with Mr. and Mrs. Baldoser. The Orrs were early settlers in Ross County and were members of the Society of Friends.

Politically Mr. Baldoser is identified with the Republican party but has prohibition proclivities. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kingston, of which he is a steward. Mrs. Baldoser is a member of the Society of Friends and is connected with the meeting at Londonderry.

 OHN E. WEISER, township clerk of Walnut township, and proprietor of a general merchandise establishment at Walnut, was born at Greencastle, Fairfield County, Ohio, on the 3rd of February, 1866, and is a son of Samuel and Eve Ann (Carris) Weiser.

The great-great-grandfather of our subject, Conrad Weiser, came to America with his father when but an infant, was adopted into a tribe of Pequod Indians and reared by his savage friends from the age of two years to 21. He became a master of the Indian language in all its branches, and accompanied Washington as his interpreter in the French and Indian War. In connection with the genealogy of the Weisers, it should also be stated that the family


is closely connected with the Muhlenbergs, who settled the township by that name and christened it.

Samuel Weiser, the grandfather of our subject, migrated from Pennsylvania to Fairfield County, Ohio, in early manhood and settled on a farm. Later he moved to Greencastle in that county, where he served as postmaster and filled the office of justice of the peace for 40 years.

Samuel Weiser, the father of our subject, was born, reared and educated in Bloom township, Fairfield County, Ohio, and married Eve Ann Carris, daughter of George Carris. His wife was born in France, near the German frontier. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiser reside at Greencastle, the former aged 80 years, and the latter, aged 78. Their nine children are as follows: George R., Charles F., Calvin W., Almeda, wife of John Schofner; Mary, unmarried; John E.; Eveline, married to Henry Brenner; Jesse W. and Thomas H.

John E. Weiser nearly reached his majority as a resident of Fairfield County, coming to Walnut township in 1886 and at once securing a position as a school teacher. He followed this profession with unvarying success for 15 years. In 1899 he founded the general merchandise business which he still conducts, and for three years served as postmaster of Walnut. In politics he is a Democrat, and as representative of that party has served three terms, or a period of seven years, as township clerk. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On March 3, 1892, Mr. Weiser was married to Lilly B. Noggle, daughter of Isaac Noggle, of Walnut township. They have four children—Rayman, Harold, Frances and Orville.

 HRISTIAN WAIDELICH, a well-known citizen and a representative old settler of Pickaway township, residing on his well-cultivated farm of 88 acres, was born April 13, 1820, in Germany, and is a son of Jacob Waidelich, whose life was passed in his native land.

Christian Waidelich, who has been a resi-

dent of the county for a half century, was educated in the excellent schools for which his native land is celebrated and, as is usual with German youths, he learned a self-supporting trade, that of wagon-making. In the year of his majority he emigrated with his brother John to America, and together they embarked in business at Steinsville, Pennsylvania, where they conducted a wagon-making establishment for some years. After his marriage, Mr. Waidelich came to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he carried on farming operations in Pickaway township during the rest of his active life. His valuable farm is now under the capable management of his son, Charles.

In Berks County, Pennsylvania, Mr. Waidelich was married to Catherine Sittler, born June 8, 1826, and they have had nine children born to them, the survivors of the family being: Jackson, a resident of Champaign County, Illinois; William, of Jackson township; Mary J., who lives at home with her aged parents; Ella, wife of Ferdinand Bowshier, of East Columbus, Ohio; and Charles, who, as stated, manages the home farm.

Mr. Waidelich has always been attached to the Democratic party. Both he and his estimable wife, who is now in her 80th year, belong to the Lutheran Church. Formerly Mr. Waidelich was active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since coming to Pickaway County, Mr. Waidelich has seen remarkable changes. He is an example of a self-made man, having earned all he possesses through his own industry and good management. Scarcely any resident in his locality is better known and both he and his wife are respected and esteemed and are held in much honor at the gatherings of the old settlers.



CHRISTIAN WEFLER, one of the esteemed citizens of Circleville, where he is leading a life of ease and retirement after many years of agricultural endeavor, was born in

Switzerland, February 7, 1836.

The parents of Mr. Wefler came to America when he was one year old, locating first at Albany, New York. They resided there for

seven years and then moved to Canton, Ohio, and in the fall of 1845 came to Circleville. This place has been Mr. Wefler's home ever since. His business has been that of gardening.

Mr. Wefler has an honorable Civil War record. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 114th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and went into camp with the regiment at Circleville and then at Marietta. It was soon sent to Memphis and took part in the battle of Chickasaw Bluff, and that of Arkansas Post, going from there to Young's Point and Milligan's Bend and later taking part in the great Vicksburg campaign. Mr. Wefler was a brave soldier and always at his post. He participated in the capture of Vicksburg, and was then sent to New Orleans and the regiment came under the command of General Banks, in the Department of the Gulf. After several months in Louisiana, during which the regiment took part in all the various engagements in that section, it went in December to Texas and remained until April and then took part in the Red River campaign. During the summer of 1864 the regiment served first on detached service, proceeded up the White River and then down again to New Orleans, thence to Pensacola and then on to the capture of Mobile. From there the regiment went to Selma, Alabama, returned then to Mobile and finally was mustered out at Galveston, Texas. Mr. Wefler entered the service as a private and was mustered out as a corporal. He escaped the dangers of a soldier's life and was able to return to his home practically unharmed.

On January 23, 1868, Mr. Wefler was married to Susan Kraft, who is a daughter of Kasper Kraft, one of the old settlers of this section. The sons, William and George F., are gardeners and carry on the most extensive operations in this line in this locality. The father was associated with them until he retired. William married Minnie Helvering and they have two children—Frederick and Mary Elizabeth. The daughters are: Katherine; Ida, wife of William F. Heffner; Carrie, wife of D. E. Mason; and Harriette. The family belong to the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Wefler has been one of the city's prom-

inent public officials, serving on the City Council and for six years was a member of the Board of Equalization. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to Groce Post, No. 156, G. A. R. His residence is located at No. 349 East Watt street, Circleville.

WILLIAM J. M. GRIMES, a substantial citizen and representative farmer of Perry township, whose fine farming lands embrace nearly 400 acres, is a native of this township, where he was born October 11, 1844. He is a son of George and Jane (Bennett) Grimes.

The Grimes family was established in Pickaway County by Benjamin Grimes, the grandfather of our subject. He came from Virginia and located first at Atlanta but subsequently settled in Perry township on the farm now occupied by our subject, on the Circleville road. He married Sarah Anthony and they had two sons—George and William.

George Grimes was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and was reared on the farm mentioned above, where he lived a part of his mature life and then moved to Ross County where he died. He married (first) Jane Bennett, who was a daughter of John Bennett, a prominent early resident of Perry township. Their children were: Elizabeth J., wife of Allan L. Hyde; Sarah A., wife of Joseph Kirkpatrick; and William J. M., of this sketch. The second marriage of George Grimes was to Rachel Bowdle, of Ross County, and there are four surviving children of this marriage, viz.: Francis M., a resident of Perry township; John Wesley, a resident of Delaware, Ohio; Louisa, wife of Judge George B. Bitzer, of Chillicothe; and Maria, wife of Edward Coover, of Ross County. The third marriage of George Grimes was to Ellen Parker and they had two children, viz.: Althea, who died aged 22 years; and Joseph B., who lives in Ross County. The father died in 1899.

William J. M. Grimes was educated in the district schools of Perry township and prepared for the life of a farmer. He was 20 years of age when he enlisted, in 1864, for the 100-day

service in the Civil War, entering Company I, 155th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and accompanied the command to Washington, D. C., where it was sent to prevent General Early's contemplated invasion of the National Capital. After some four months' service, he returned home and his life has since been mainly confined to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture.

In 1866 Mr. Grimes was married to Ellen E. Thomas, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John L. and Susan M. (Buckwith) Thomas. Mr. Thomas moved to Illinois and later to Missouri where Mrs. Thomas died and he then brought his children back to Ohio. Mrs. Grimes was reared by her aunt, Eliza Draper, at New Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes have had five children, namely: Myrta Olive, who married John D. Fidler, of St. Louis, and has one daughter—Eleanor; Charles, a resident of Perry township, who married Ollie Hyer and has one child—Marie; Lydia J., who died at the age of 22 years; Ethel, who resides with her parents; and Glenn S., farming an adjacent property, who married Verna Taylor.

Mr. Grimes is a staunch Republican but has never accepted any office except that of township trustee, in which he proved a very satisfactory official. He belongs to Ferguson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at New Holland, and he is also affiliated with the New Holland Masonic Lodge. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Holland.

JEREMIAH B. HORNBECK, proprietor of the "Yellow Bud Farm," a large estate situated in Jackson township on the Dawson turnpike, three and a half miles northeast of Williamsport, is one of the leading citizens of this section. He was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 17, 1850, and is a son of Cyrus and Jane (Baker) Hornbeck.

The Hornbeck family is a very old one in Pickaway County, the grandfather of our subject, Simon Hornbeck, having been born in Deer Creek township, on his father's farm. The latter was of German descent and spoke

that language. It is likely he was a Pennsylvanian and one of the earliest settlers along Deer Creek. Simon Hornbeck spent his entire life in Deer Creek township, where he owned 100 acres of land. He is represented as having been a man of great physical development, six feet in height and of athletic build. He was well known as a hunter and often went with the Indians of this locality on hunting trips in the forest. He won the esteem of the savages through fair dealings with them, and no record is found that they proved other than trustworthy. He was a great church man and was one of the founders of the Christian Church in Deer Creek township. He lived to the age of 80 years.

Cyrus Hornbeck, son of Simon and father of our subject, was born in Deer Creek township, where his whole busy, useful life was spent and where he died on Christmas Day, 1886, aged 68 years. He was a man of large means and invested much money in land, at one time being the owner of 800 acres. This was the home farm, a fertile tract all in one body, in Deer Creek and Jackson townships. He was a very successful farmer and devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. A great part of this immense body of land he cleared himself; some of it was originally covered with heavy timber. Mr. Hornbeck voted, in early life, with the Whig party and later with the Republicans, but he would not, under any consideration, accept office. In him the Christian Church found a liberal supporter—he was one of the local preachers in this religious body. When the proposal came to erect the present church edifice, he made a contribution of \$1,000.

Cyrus Hornbeck married Jane Baker, who was born near Clarksburg, Deer Creek township, October 8, 1819, and died February 5, 1891, aged 72 years. She was a daughter of James and Mary Baker, and a niece of Mackey Baker, all natives of New England. Mackey Baker was a wealthy stock-raiser of Deer Creek township. Cyrus Hornbeck and wife had nine children, as follows: Ira, deceased; Marvin, who married Mary Keys and is now deceased; Sarah; Mary, who married Jarret Rector, of Chillicothe; Jeremiah B., of this sketch; Oliver B., of Williamsport, who mar-

ried Mary Yates; Mrs. Henry Galbreth, a widow, residing at Mount Sterling; Edgar C., of Mount Sterling, who married Ella Hunsicker; and Etta, of Mount Sterling.

Jeremiah B. Hornbeck remained on the home farm until his marriage and then settled on 100 acres of his present farm, which his father gave him. He has made all the modern improvements which make it one of the township's fine farms, at various times having also added to its extent. He purchased 80 adjoining acres and in the spring of 1905 he bought 75 more and has 255 acres in one body of land, this comprising his home place. He also owns a farm of 118 acres in Perry township and another, of 114 acres, in Monroe township. He rents two of his farms and operates the rest of his land in general farming and stock-raising. The homestead of Mr. Hornbeck is known as the "Yellow Bud Farm," being named for the stream of that name which flows through his land, draining it and making it well adapted to both farming and stock-raising. It borders one of the leading highways of the county—the Dawson turnpike. This farm is within easy distance of two towns, Williamsport being but three and a half miles to the southwest, and Circleville being within eight miles and a half. This farm is widely known for its fine grade of stock.

On January 17, 1884, Mr. Hornbeck was married to Theresa E. Phillips. She was born in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 7, 1850, and is a daughter of Daniel Ryan and Nancy (Outen) Phillips. The parents of Mrs. Hornbeck were born and married in Delaware. In 1833 they located in Monroe township, Pickaway County, where they spent the rest of their lives. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were: Maria Elizabeth, who married A. J. Walston—both recently deceased; Kendall, David I. and Rev. Charles A., all of whom served in the Civil War; Mary A., who married George Betts, of Deer Creek township; Sarah Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Terflinger, of Monroe township; Amanda, who died in 1902 at the home of our subject; Alice Bell, deceased in infancy; and Theresa E., who is the wife of our subject. The three soldier brothers of Mrs.

Hornbeck are dead. Kendall enlisted from Pickaway County, in Company E, under Captain Abraham, in the 114th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., as did his brother David I., and both died at Vicksburg. Rev. Charles A. was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He enlisted in the 43rd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and died soon after returning from his army service. Many years have passed since these loyal hearts have rested under their coverlet of green, their life-work finished, but they are not forgotten.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck are: Ella N., a talented young lady who is under instruction at the Capital College of Oratory and Music, at Columbus; and Blanche, who attends school at Williamsport.

Mr. Hornbeck has always been a Republican, imbibing the principles of this party in his youth. He has been a very prominent factor of the party in his locality for many years, and has served on numerous occasions as a delegate to county, district, State and congressional conventions. He possesses every qualification for holding high position, but has worked harder for others than he has for himself. He is at present committeeman for the south precinct, which carries with it a large degree of influence.

Fraternally Mr. Hornbeck is a Mason, one of the leaders in the lodge at Williamsport. He is a member of the Christian Church at that place also and lives up to what have been the convictions of his family for generations, both in political and religious life. In every way he stands as one of the representative citizens of Jackson township, one who for years has forwarded all laudable public movements and with purse and influence has assisted in the development of this part of the county along agricultural and educational lines.

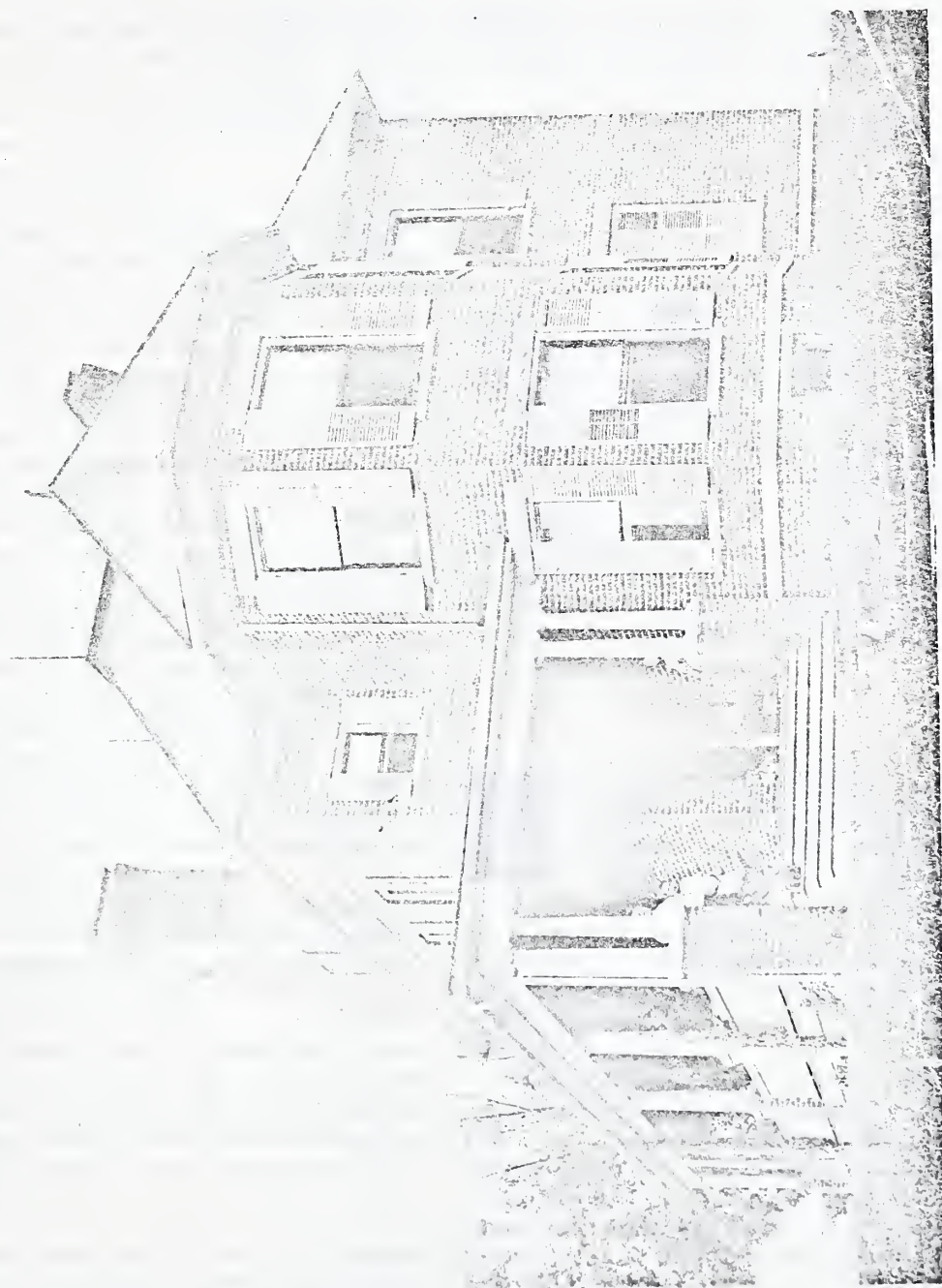
DANIEL PRUSHING, whose beautiful farm of 500 acres stretches through the most fertile portion of Scioto township, is one of the leading citizens as well as most prosperous agriculturists of this section. Mr. Prushing is a native of Germany, having been born in Hes-

sen-Cassel, on March 18, 1838. His parents were Nicholas and Elizabeth (Roese) Prushing.

The life story of Daniel Prushing is an interesting one and it is also an inspiring one, reaching from the landing of a young man on a foreign shore, dependent entirely upon his own resources, ignorant of the customs and language of a strange country, to a time when, through his own industry, thrift and good management, he has become possessed of ample means, large resources and the universal regard of his fellow-citizens.

In his own country, Mr. Prushing was well schooled. When he came to America in 1856, he decided to seek an old schoolmate, Dill Wiegand, who had already established himself in Pickaway County, Ohio. Landing at Baltimore, Mr. Prushing crossed the country to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and from there made his way to the farm of Mr. Wiegand, in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, from whom he received a warm German welcome. Mr. Prushing made himself useful to Mr. Wiegand until the following spring, when he went to Columbus and worked for a time at shoemaking, but subsequently accepted Mr. Wiegand's invitation and returned to the latter's farm, where he remained for the following 11 years. At the end of this period Mr. Prushing was married and for the next four years rented farming land in Scioto township and then purchased the farm on which he has lived for the past 36 years. At the date of purchase, it contained 105 acres, to which Mr. Prushing has continued to add, until he now has 500 acres of as good land as may be found in Pickaway County. It is not necessary to say that the acquisition of this large property has not come without strenuous effort, but it has all been honestly earned and can be enjoyed without scruples concerning the methods of its acquisition. Resolution, industry, economy and integrity have been the main factors.

On February 7, 1866, Mr. Prushing was united in marriage with Wilhelmina Spindler, who was born in Germany in 1845, and who accompanied her father and one brother to America, in 1859. Her parents were William and Annie Elizabeth (Schneider) Spindler. Mr.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE C. GERHARDT

Spindler located at Baltimore, Maryland, where he died soon after and his daughter later became a member of the household of Dill Wiegand, in Pickaway County, Ohio, where she was married to Mr. Prushing, as mentioned above. Her one brother is a resident of Cumberland, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Prushing have reared one of the finest families in Scioto township, consisting of seven sons and four daughters, as follows: Susan, John H., William, Valentine H., Harry, Frederick Daniel, David T., Edward L., Elizabeth, Wilamina and Gladys.

The eldest daughter of Mr. Prushing, Susan, married David Kurtzthalz; they reside at Lockbourne, Franklin County, Ohio, and have these children—Clarence, Gladys, Howard and David Daniel.

John H. Prushing, the eldest son, is prominent in township politics and has served as assessor. He is a member of the Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Commercial Point. He married Anna Dechert, a daughter of Peter Dechert and has five children, three sons and two daughters, viz.: Roy, Claude, Rebba, Frederick and Mildred. They reside at Commercial Point.

William Prushing is a farmer in Scioto township. He married Mary Wiegand, a daughter of Henry Wiegand and has one daughter—Minnie Elizabeth.

Valentine H. Prushing, who is engaged in farming in Scioto township, has served as township assessor. He married Adda Brown, a daughter of Harley Brown.

Dr. Harry Prushing is a successful practitioner of medicine at Columbus and resides on Parsons avenue in that city. He graduated at the Commercial Point High School and later at the Ohio Medical University at Columbus. He married Anna Bauer, a daughter of F. J. Bauer, of Columbus, and has one son—Harry Bauer.

Frederick Daniel and Edward L. Prushing are engaged in farming on the home estate, both being representative young agriculturists of this section.


David T. Prushing is a fine business man. He resides in Cleveland, where he is connected with a mortgage and trust company. He com-

pleted his education at Ohio University at Athens. He is a Knight of Pythias, being a member of the lodge at Columbus.

The three young daughters of Mr. Prushing who reside at home are among the most attractive, educated and accomplished young ladies of Scioto township and are leaders in the pleasant social life of the neighborhood. They are high school graduates and the youngest carried off the Boxwell prize at graduation.

Mr. Prushing has afforded his children fine educational advantages and has been rewarded by seeing them develop into representative men and women, capable of filling any position to which the exigencies of life may call them.

Although our subject has never taken a very active part in politics, he has always been staunch in his support of the Democratic party and several of his sons have been elected to local offices. For a great many years Mr. Prushing has been prominently identified with the Presbyterian Church at Commercial Point, in which he is an elder, and to which he has always given liberal support.

EORGE C. GERHARDT, one of the substantial and representative men of Jackson township, proprietor of "Pleasant View Farm," which is located four miles from Circleville, on the Florence Chapel turnpike, and consists of 274 acres of well-improved land, was born near Kingston, Ross County, Ohio, July 13, 1862. His parents were George and Caroline (Blum) Gerhardt.

Both parents of Mr. Gerhardt were born in Germany, the father on the banks of the storied Rhine, on March 28, 1832, and the mother in Hessen-Darmstadt, in December, 1833. The latter, prior to her marriage, came to America alone and made her own living, working in New York and Pennsylvania, where she made friends who continued as such up to the time of her death, which took place in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in May, 1901. The father of our subject came to America when 26 years of age, with no capital but his physical health and strength. For a number


of years he worked for farmers in Ross County, Ohio, and in the course of time acquired a farm of his own in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he died on December 26, 1890. Politically he was a Democrat. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. In 1860 he married Caroline Blum and they had the following children: Charles, who is prosecuting attorney of Pickaway County; Katherine, deceased at 14 years of age; and Caroline, wife of Ludwig Oesterle, residing on the old homestead in Walnut township.

George C. Gerhardt was two years old when his parents located in Pickaway County and he remained at home, assisting on the farm, until he was 25 years of age. Then his parents moved to a place of their own and our subject remained on the former farm of 380 acres, which belonged to the Kellenberger estate, his residence on this farm covering a period of almost 40 years. In 1900 he purchased his present farm, known as "Pleasant View Farm," through which runs Darby Creek. It is a tract finely adapted to grain growing and stock-raising. Mr. Gerhardt makes a specialty of the latter, paying special attention to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and devoting all his time to the improvement of his property and the development of all its resources. In 1904 he erected the beautiful residence, which in its appearance, appointments and comfort is certainly the finest in the township and probably in the county. It is constructed of brick, has 10 rooms, is heated with hot air and lighted with gas, has a perfect system of hot and cold water and is situated on an elevation which commands a lovely view down the Scioto River. Mr. Gerhardt has every reason to take pride in this substantially constructed home, which is an ornament to the locality, a credit to the builder and must be a comfort to its owner.

February 13, 1889, Mr. Gerhardt was married to Carrie Kramer, who was born at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, August 15, 1863, and is a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Smith) Kramer, the former a native of Germany, and the latter, of Ross County, Ohio. The father of Mrs. Gerhardt served in the

Civil War and died from its hardships when his daughter was two years old. The mother survives and lives in Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt have had three children, viz.: Harry Smith, Hazel Katherine and Margaret Elizabeth. Harry Smith Gerhardt, the only son of our subject, was born February 28, 1890, and died May 12, 1905. He was an unusually bright, promising and handsome lad, just the kind of a son to engage the pride and affection of loving parents and to encourage hopes of great future usefulness. Fond of outdoor life and rural sports, he was accustomed to fishing on Darby Creek, on his father's land, and there it was that the sad accident occurred which caused his death by the capsizing of his boat. This blow to his parents is too recent to have lost any of its bitterness. Great sympathy is felt all through the neighborhood.

Mr. Gerhardt has been a staunch supporter of the Democratic party all his life. For five years he served as trustee of Walnut township and for a number of years he has been on the School Board. He is one of the leading members of the Lutheran Church at Circleville. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Foresters and also the Grange. He is a self-made man and is justifiably proud of the fact that he has made every dollar he owns, honestly and fairly. A view of his home is shown on a nearby page.

 LEWIS MOWERY, deceased, was one of the representative citizens of Salt Creek township, where his long and useful life was spent. Mr. Mowery was born on the farm still occupied by his surviving family, situated in section 11, Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, July 29, 1847, and died there October 20, 1899. He was a son of Peter and Leah (Dunkle) Mowery.

The Mowery family was founded in Pickaway County by the grandparents of Lewis Mowery, who came at an early day from Pennsylvania. The Mowery family is now one of

the numerous, prosperous and best known families of Salt Creek township, many of its members having held official position and almost all being large landowners.

Lewis Mowery attended the district schools near his father's farm, on which he grew to manhood. He remained at home engaged in tilling the home farm until he was 16 years of age, when the family was broken up by the death of the mother, the father having died when our subject was 11 years old. Lewis was thus early thrown more or less upon his own resources. Through good management and continued industry he acquired land and at the time of his death left a well-improved farm of 155 acres—the old family homestead—on which he was born, as stated above.

On March 22, 1868, Mr. Mowery was married to Orpha Hedges, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 30, 1847, and is a daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth (Pickle) Hedges, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Fairfield County, where both died. The children of Hiram Hedges were: Elmira, wife of William E. McClelland, of Fairfield County, Ohio; Warren, deceased; Howard, of Hocking County; Orpha, widow of Lewis Mowery; Missouri, wife of Judson Wise, of Lancaster, Ohio; and Eli, of Tarlton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowery had nine children born to them, namely: William E.; Effie May, wife of Elias Spangler, of Salt Creek township; Chester W., of Columbus; Ollie M., deceased; Josie Irene, wife of Pearl Karlsruer, of Kansas City, Missouri; Glendora E., wife of Charles Boyer, of Laurelville, Ohio; Edith E., deceased; and Guy C. and Ottie R., who live at home with their mother. Mrs. Mowery, with the assistance of her sons, continues the operation of the farm.

Lewis Mowery was a member of the Democratic party. He was a good, fair-minded citizen and on all occasions performed his full public duty. He was a kind husband, a careful father and a helpful neighbor. His memory is held in esteem by those who had known him for so many years. At the time of his death he was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Union, Ohio.



WILLIAM AND GEORGE WEFLER, who are engaged in the gardening business in Circleville township where they have a plot of 27 acres of land, all of which is under cultivation except two acres, are the sons of Christian and Susan (Kraft) Wefler, both of whom are still living. Christian Wefler was born in Switzerland. A full sketch of his life will be found elsewhere in this work.

William Wefler was born December 5, 1869, and was reared and educated in Circleville. In 1902 he was married to Minnie Helvering, a daughter of Frank Helvering. They have two children—Frederick, who was born December 8, 1902; and Mary Elizabeth, born May 8, 1906.

George Wefler was born February 28, 1872, and is still single. The Wefler brothers carry on an extensive business, and dispose of their goods both wholesale and retail, shipping to a great many towns outside the county.




ELMER HELWAGEN, one of the very efficient members of the Board of County Commissioners of Pickaway County, was born at Williamsport, in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, October 11, 1864, and is a son of Bernhart and Sidney (Walston) Helwagen.

The father of Mr. Helwagen was born in Germany and came many years ago to Pickaway County, Ohio. He followed the carpenter's trade for some years and then went into a mercantile business at Williamsport, finally settling on a farm. He married a daughter of James Walston, who was one of the earliest settlers in this county.

Elmer Helwagen has always resided in his native county except during 1888 and 1889, which period he spent in California. He is one of the leading farmers of Deer Creek township, in which he has served in the office of trustee. In November, 1904, he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners, this office bringing with it many duties of the utmost importance to the county, the performance of which are never entrusted to men who do not stand very high in public es-

teem. The present board is particularly efficient.

In 1887 Mr. Helwage was married to Marietta Adkins, a daughter of David Adkins, one of the prosperous farmers of Jackson township, who served as county commissioner for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Helwage have six children: Roy E., Maud M., Henry E., Ruth, Gertrude and Paul. Mr. Helwage is a member of the German Lutheran Church at Lick Run. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men.

 AMUEL RICHARD SMITH, a lifelong resident of Pickaway County, owns a beautiful farm of 255 acres which is located partly in Darby and partly in Monroe townships. He was born in Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio, October 25, 1839, and is a son of Sampson B. and Margaret (Hale) Smith.


The parents of Mr. Smith were born in Maryland but they were married in Pickaway County, Ohio, and reared a family of 10 children, the names of whom were: Rebecca, Martha, Mary and Edith, all deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Martin Bailey, of Derby; John, Isaac, William and George, deceased; and Samuel Richard, who is the only surviving son.

Mr. Smith was reared to farm pursuits and has given his attention to the same all his life. His valuable farm is situated on the Circleville, Darbyville and London turnpike, some two miles southeast of Derby.

On July 30, 1863, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Martha A. Dick, who was born September 26, 1845, in Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Johnson and Susan (Green) Dick, who reared seven children. These were: Mary and Georgiana, both now deceased; Nicholas W., a practicing attorney at Columbus; Samuel M., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Worcester, Massachusetts; William L., a practicing physician at Columbus; Jennie, who married Jesse Yoakum; and Martha A. (Mrs. Smith).

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children,

Charles J. and M. Jennie. The former, after completing the common school course, studied medicine, entered Starling Medical College, at Columbus, where he was subsequently graduated and then entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, at New York and, still later, Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia. Thus thoroughly equipped in his profession, he entered upon its practice at London, Ohio, shortly afterward removing to Derby. One year later he established his home at Walla Walla, Washington, removing later to his present home, at Pendleton, Oregon, where he is in the enjoyment of a good practice. He married Lillian Gulliford, of Pendleton, Oregon, and they have one daughter—Gwendoline. The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith married Albert R. White, of Franklin County, Ohio, and they have two children—Roy S. and Charles E. Mr. and Mrs. White reside in Darby township, Pickaway County.

 OBERT A. VANDERVORT owns and operates a valuable farm of 62½ acres which is very favorably situated in Pickaway township, and on which he settled in 1881. He was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1851, and is a son of James and Eleanor (Glisten) Vandervort.

The Vandervort family came to America from Holland, and the Glisten family from Ireland. The father of our subject was born in Allegheny County and the mother in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. They died in Liberty township, Jackson County, Ohio, and were both buried in the McCune cemetery in that township.

Robert A. Vandervort was reared to the age of 15 years in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and was educated there in the public schools. He then accompanied his parents to Jackson County, Ohio, where he carried on agricultural pursuits and for some three years was engaged in the lumber industry.

On September 28, 1881, Mr. Vandervort was united in marriage with Rachel L. Peters, who was born April 9, 1852, in Pickaway County, Ohio. Mrs. Vandervort is a daughter

ter of Gershom M. and Ann (Walcutt) Peters, both of whom are natives of Ohio. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Vandervort was Mahlon Peters, who was born in Virginia, settled early in Ohio and died in Darke County. The Peters family is of German extraction. Gershom M. Peters died some 25 years since, and Mrs. Vandervort lost her mother when she was 17 years old. Both parents of Mrs. Vandervort were buried in Reber Hill Cemetery in Walnut township. The Walcutt family is of English ancestry.

The five children of Gershom M. Peters and wife were all born in Ohio and the three survivors are: Robert W., a well-known farmer and a lay preacher of the Baptist Church, residing in Walnut township; Susanna H., wife of Edwin Newton, a farmer of Walnut township; and Rachel L., wife of our subject. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Vandervort, but two survive, viz.: Harry A., of Pickaway township, and Ena A., wife of Pearl Allen, also of Pickaway township.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Vandervort settled on their present farm in Pickaway township. Here Mr. Vandervort carries on mixed farming and raises considerable stock. There are many evidences of thrift and good management in the farm and surroundings and the home is all that could be desired in the way of comfort.

In politics, Mr. Vandervort is a Democrat. He has been elected three years as a member of the township Board of Education and for several years has been one of the careful and conscientious school directors of District No. 1, Pickaway township. Both he and his wife attend the Turkey Run Baptist Church. They are well known all through this neighborhood and have many warm friends.



C. BOHNERT, who is serving his second term as auditor of Pickaway County, was born near Commercial Point, Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 17, 1869, and is a son of Conrad and Martha (Trimmer) Bohnert.

The father of our subject was born in Ger-

many and came to America and settled in Pickaway County in 1856. His whole life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. In Pickaway County he married Martha Trimmer, a daughter of Jonathan E. Trimmer, who was born in New Jersey and settled in Pickaway County in 1840.

N. C. Bohnert was reared on the home farm in Scioto township, where he still owns 190 acres of fine land. He attended school until 1887 in his native township, after which he entered the Columbus Business College, where he was graduated in 1888. Then he returned to the farm until the spring of 1889, when he embarked in a mercantile business at South Bloomfield, where he continued until 1897, when he again returned to the homestead farm. In 1902 he was elected auditor of Pickaway County and in the fall of 1905 he was re-elected without opposition, on the Democratic ticket. At this time the Republicans put no opponent in the field, knowing that the personal popularity of Mr. Bohnert would make such a move useless. Formerly he served as assessor of Scioto township.

On March 21, 1889, Mr. Bohnert was married to Maud Thomas, who is a daughter of Edward and Melissa (Walker) Thomas. Mrs. Thomas was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, and is the youngest member of a family of 16 children. Our subject and wife have three children living, viz.: Eldridge, Blandys Christina and Kathryn Rutli. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bohnert are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of South Bloomfield. He belongs to the Knights of the Macabees.



GEORGE LEONARD KUHILWEIN, one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Harrison township, was born October 27, 1863, in this township on a farm adjoining the one which he now owns. He is a son of George and Mary (Acker) Kuhlwein, who were natives of Germany.

George Kuhlwein and his wife came to America in 1853 and first located in Columbus, Ohio, and later moved to Pickaway Coun-

ty, where they lived the remainder of their lives, engaged in farming, the former dying at the age of 74 in 1895 and the latter in 1896, aged 69. Mr. Kuhlwein was the father of nine children, namely: Barbara, who married Andrew Barch and resides in Harrison township; Mary, deceased; Frederick, residing on the Ashville turnpike in Harrison township, who is engaged in farming; a son that died in infancy; Matilda, deceased; William, who is engaged in farming the old homestead; George Leonard, subject of this sketch; Katie; and Edward, who also lives on the old homestead, engaged in farming. George Kuhlwein came to this country without any means, but by thrift and industry acquired by the time of his death a valuable farm of 210 acres. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church.

George Leonard Kuhlwein was educated in the Harrison township schools, after which he engaged in farming. He has resided where he now lives for a period of nearly 18 years, and owns a very valuable farm of 82½ acres, but operates in all about 185 acres. He raises some stock, but is principally interested in raising corn and wheat. He was married to Etta May Muselman, a daughter of Cyrus and Clarissa (Foor) Muselman, and they have four children: Clara, Herman, Paul, and Carl, all living, three of them attending school.

Mr. Kuhlwein has always been a Democrat and takes an active interest in the politics of the county. He has served as township supervisor and has been a delegate to the party conventions at Circleville a number of times. Mr. Kuhlwein has a comfortable home, an interesting family and is numbered among the substantial citizens of the county.



NATHAN COLE GANTZ, a representative citizen and substantial farmer of Darby township, who resides on his well-improved farm of 263 acres located on the Harrisburg and Darbyville road, also owns an adjoining farm of 127¾ acres. Mr. Gantz was born October

25, 1843, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Penick) Gantz.

The parents of Mr. Gantz were born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Two years after marriage they came to Ohio and settled in Franklin County, where all their family of 14 children were born, with the exception of the eldest, Elizabeth, who married William White. The other members of the family were: Jeremiah, who married Maria Beale and is deceased; Mary, who married William Innis—both now deceased; Andrew J., who married Sarah Olney and is now deceased; John and William Milton, both of whom died young; Catherine, who married Daywalt Machlin; Theodore G., who married (first) Elizabeth Dalby, (second) Hannah, widow of Asbury Pritchard, and later contracted a third marriage; Lydia married (first) Benton White and (second) James Welsh; Nancy, who married William Watts; Adeline, who married Thomas Barbee; Albert L., who married Hannah Brown; George H., who married Mary Chambers; and Nathan C., of this sketch.

Nathan Cole Gantz was reared on the home farm and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He is considered one of the representative farmers of Darby township, and is esteemed as a good manager, always having his various lines of farm work up to the season and prosperous accordingly. Mr. Gantz and family live in great comfort.

On October 25, 1866, Mr. Gantz was married to Sarah Jane Chenoweth, who was born January 7, 1843, and is a daughter of Elijah and Nancy Chenoweth. The parents of Elijah Chenoweth were Elijah and Rachel (Foster) Chenoweth. The former moved to Franklin County, Ohio, prior to the birth of his son Elijah and settled right among the Indians. For years thereafter little settlement was made in that region and little Elijah grew to boyhood before he had ever seen a white man other than his father, and, with his Indian playmates, was afraid when they began to come into the neighborhood. The children of Elijah and Rachel (Foster) Chenoweth were: Joseph, Elizabeth, Lewis, John F., Sarah, Cas-

sandra, Rachel and Elijah. Elijah Chenoweth married Nancy Chenoweth, on March 26, 1827. They had these children: Elijah, Rachel, Cassandra, John Graham, Thomas, Joseph H., Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, and Rebecca. The father of this family lived to the age of 91 years. The mother died aged 66 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gantz have had eight children, namely: Albert and Robert, who died young; Erwin, who married (first) Rena Leiter and (second) Anna Sidener—they have three children, Neil, Elmer and a babe unnamed; Ella, who married Arthur Miller and has one child—Robert; and Ira, Lewis, Russell and Merick, all of whom are at home. Daniel N. Gantz, a son of Erwin Gantz' first marriage, has always made his home with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gantz are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gantz has served as a member of the School Board and has always taken a good citizen's interest in local affairs.



WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, a representative farmer and reliable, well-informed citizen of Pickaway township, owns an excellent farm of 143 acres here, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Anderson was born in Wayne township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 22, 1866, and is a son of James H. and Sarah (Fleming) Anderson.

The Anderson family lived in Maryland prior to coming to Ohio at an early day. The grandfather, Thomas Anderson, was one of the pioneers of Wayne township, Pickaway County. James H. Anderson, his son, was reared in Wayne township, followed farming as his chief occupation through life and died there in 1897. His widow still survives, residing in a pleasant home on Fourth avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

William F. Anderson was reared in Wayne township and was educated in the public schools of that township and Circleville, com-

pleting his education in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio. His life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he has taken great interest in the development of the resources and the improvement of his land.

On February 24, 1891, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Mary Holderman, who was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Lewis and Mary Holderman, the former of whom is deceased. The latter resides with her daughter, Mrs. Anderson. The Holderman family settled at a very early day in Pickaway County and has always been held in high regard. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have one son, Bernard.

For a time following his marriage, Mr. Anderson and wife resided in Jackson township, but later removed to Pickaway township, where they have lived ever since. Politically Mr. Anderson is a Republican. He has served four years or two terms as treasurer of Pickaway township and has performed the duties of this responsible office to the full satisfaction of all concerned. He is a supporter of the Presbyterian Church at Kingston, of which his wife is a member.



GEORGE CLINTON EVERSOLE, who for more than 30 years has resided on his beautiful homestead known as the "Bloomfield Lake Park Farm," near South Bloomfield in Harrison township, was for 21 years one of the most successful educators in this section of the State. He is a son of Henry and Sophronia (Heise) Eversole, and was born in Walnut township, Fairfield County, Ohio, on the 5th of November, 1843. After mastering the elementary branches in the district schools of that county, he took a course at the Fairfield Union Academy, Pleasantville, and completed his education at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, in 1870.

The succeeding 21 years were faithfully devoted by Mr. Eversole to teaching in Fairfield and Pickaway counties, and during nine years of this period he was a superintendent of

schools. He ably served in that capacity at Millersport, Ashville (two years), Commercial Point (three years) and South Bloomfield (three years).

In 1874 Mr. Eversole moved from Fairfield to Pickaway County, purchasing at that time his present residence property, which derives its name from the fact that it embraces a beautiful park, which is a favorite resort of picnickers, and much used for general assemblies. The farm itself is an 84-acre tract, devoted to cattle raising, grain growing and the cultivation of melons. Mr. Eversole has been engaged in the specialty last named for 15 years and has earned in it more than a local reputation. The 20 acres devoted to the cultivation of melons yields a product valued at about \$3,000, and his "Tip Top" variety is widely known in the markets of Columbus, much of the crop being now sold before grown. In the fall and winter, when the care of the farm is light, Mr. Eversole conducts a commission business in that city. At the expiration of his present term he will have completed a service of 24 years as justice of the peace. As a life-long Democrat he has also served as delegate to various judicial and senatorial conventions of his county. Combining the above facts it must be evident that Mr. Eversole has led, and is still leading, a remarkably broad and active life of great practical value to all the communities of his residence. It may also be added that he is a member of Lodge No. 487, F. & A. M., at Commercial Point, and is identified with the best work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Neither of Mr. Eversole's parents are now living; his father died in 1851, at the age of 40 years, and his mother in 1873, aged 69. The marriage of our subject to Doris Mithoff, daughter of Frederick E. and Wilhelmina (Hose) Mithoff, occurred October 1, 1872. Both of his wife's parents were natives of Germany, and her father's four brothers were all prominent in the business world, as will be seen from the following brief facts regarding them: William was an extensive cotton planter of New Orleans; Augustus and Theodore were presidents of banks in Lancaster,

Ohio, and Henry was president of the South End Bank of Columbus. Edward T., who recently died, was a large real estate owner in Columbus and left property valued at \$2,000,000. William, the oldest, was at one time prominent in the building of the Mississippi River levees. Frederick E. Mithoff, the father of Mrs. Eversole, is dead, as is her mother; their home farm was a fine tract of land near South Bloomfield.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Eversole, as follows: Lillian, Edna and Flora—all teachers, who were educated at the Ohio Normal University at Ada—the last named being now married to Ollie McKinley, a farmer living near Harrisburg; and Henry G. and Mithoff, who are attending school.



FREDERICK SCHLEYER, the junior member of the large dry goods and carpet house of Moeller & Schleyer, at Circleville, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1855, and he has been identified with the dry goods business for 36 years. He is a son of the late John F. Schleyer.

In February, 1863, Mr. Schleyer accompanied his parents to Circleville, where he attended school until 1870, and then became an employe of Adam McCrea, in the mercantile business. He remained with this employer for 17 months and in the same room with the latter's successor for about a year and then became a clerk for Wallace Brothers, who conducted a large dry goods business here. From 1872 until 1875 he remained with this firm and then, with his brother, William Schleyer, he embarked in a shoe business in Illinois, which was conducted for two years. Later he accepted a clerical position in a Columbus dry goods house, and in 1879, with William Wallace, he established the dry goods house of Wallace & Schleyer. In 1885 he went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he engaged in a shoe business for two and a half years, and then returned to Circleville and became again connected with a dry goods firm. In 1894 the



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dry goods firm of Schleyer & Henderson was established and continued until 1900, when the firm style became Finkel, Schleyer & Henderson. In 1903 Mr. Schleyer entered into partnership with C. Edmund Moeller, under the firm style of Moeller & Schleyer. On account of his long experience in the trade, Mr. Schleyer is particularly well equipped for the management of so large an enterprise as is the present firm's business. The house has a wide popularity and both members of the firm are recognized men of ability and integrity.

Mr. Schleyer was married to Kate Hutchinson, of Hannibal, Missouri, who was a niece of Mrs. T. C. Wallace, of Circleville. Mrs. Schleyer died in September, 1904, leaving one daughter, Mary, a very talented young lady who is now abroad, completing her musical education. She is under the best instructors at Berlin and Prague.

Mr. Schleyer is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the National Union.

GEORGE W. ASHBROOK, a prominent farmer and valued citizen of Walnut township, who owns a fine farm of 200 acres, situated in section 20, was born in this township, May 29, 1841, and is a son of Absalom M. and Phebe (Dunnick) Ashbrook.

Absalom Ashbrook was born in Virginia and made his entrance into Ohio as a babe in his mother's arms. His parents made the journey from Virginia on horseback and settled in Amanda township, Fairfield County. There the father of our subject was reared, there obtained his district school education and there was subsequently married to Phebe Dunnick. To this marriage eight children were born. After his marriage, Absalom Ashbrook moved to Walnut township, Pickaway County, and in 1847 bought of William Stage the latter's distillery, with several hundred acres of land. Later he moved back to Amanda township, Fairfield County, where he died.

George W. Ashbrook lost his mother when he was seven years of age, but his father married again and the family was kept together.

He was reared in Walnut township, which has always been his home, with the exception of six years—from March 22, 1860, to March 22, 1866—which he spent in Amanda township, Fairfield County. His education was obtained in the district schools and in the National Normal College at Lebanon, Ohio. His business through life has been continuously of an agricultural nature, except two terms when he was engaged in teaching. His fine farm is a very valuable property both as to location and cultivation. In 1883 he built the present substantial and commodious family home.

In 1864 Mr. Ashbrook enlisted for the 100-day service in the Civil War, joining Company I, 159th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and serving as orderly sergeant. He received his discharge on August 27, 1864.

On December 29, 1865, Mr. Ashbrook was married to Jane Reber, a daughter of Charles and Belinda Reber, of Amanda township, Fairfield County. They have one son, Chester R., who is a well-known, enterprising farmer of Walnut township. The latter married Mattie Weaver, a daughter of Philip Weaver, and they have one son—Ray Weaver Ashbrook.

George W. Ashbrook is one of the leading Republicans of his section of the county and has frequently served in official life in the township, having been both trustee and treasurer. He is one of the directors of the Reber Hill Cemetery. Mr. Ashbrook does not seek political office and when elected a justice of the peace declined the honor. Both he and his son, Chester R. Ashbrook, belong to the Masonic fraternity, both being Knights Templar. Portraits of George W. Ashbrook, his son, Chester R. Ashbrook, and his grandson, Ray W. Ashbrook—three generations—accompany this sketch.

GEORGE BETTS, who resides on the old Betts homestead in Deer Creek township, was born on this place March 16, 1875, and is a son of George and Mary (Phillips) Betts.

George Betts, the father, was a very prominent business man of Pickaway County for

many years and left an impress on his immediate community which time cannot efface. He was born near Clarksburg, Ross County, Ohio, and was a son of John W. and Harriet (Gordy) Betts. He was the only one of his family to come to Pickaway County except one sister, who, after a short residence at Dublin Hill, was married and moved West. George came just after his marriage in 1863, his worldly wealth at that time being one horse and a mule. He engaged in farming and stock-raising, and subsequently, for a period of 35 years, was acknowledged to be the most extensive stock dealer on the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad. He had a number of men out buying stock for him all the time, and shipped extensively to distant points. He purchased an elevator at Woodlyn and became senior partner of the firm of Betts & Hunsicker, doing a general grain, coal and implement business. He became a man of affluence, owning about 1,800 acres of land in addition to his other interests. He was ever the friend of the needy, and gave many a deserving man his start, but his generosity came near being his undoing. He was the victim of many of his friends, for whom he went security, and upon his death a large part of his estate went toward the payment of the obligations of others. He was a man of great popularity, having hundreds of acquaintances throughout the county. He died December 2, 1895, of pneumonia, and was buried at Spring Lawn Cemetery.

In 1863 George Betts, Sr., was married to Mary Phillips, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of John Phillips, who came to Pickaway County from the Old Dominion. Mr. and Mrs. Betts had 11 children, namely: John W., who is engaged in farming in Deer Creek township; Charles A., who lives near Clarksburg in Pickaway County; Mattie, deceased at the age of 25 years, who was the wife of Clarence Coon; Thomas B., who is farming in Deer Creek township; Carrie, who lives at home; George; Fred C., who lives on a part of the home place in Deer Creek township, engaged in farming; William Pearl, who lives on the home place; Roy, living at home, who

is in the insurance business; and Corilla Belle and Meeker, who live on the home place. Mrs. Betts died in 1902. Mr. Betts was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he joined in 1869, thereafter being an enthusiastic church supporter and contributing liberally of his means. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and was frequently called upon to serve in offices of public trust. He was a member of the Board of County Commissioners two terms, was president of the Deer Creek township Board of Education, was township trustee and filled numerous other township offices. He was also one of the organizers of the Farmers' Bank of Williamsport, and served as its first president. In his death the poor lost a friend, the community a prominent and worthy citizen and the church a liberal supporter.

George Betts, the subject of this sketch, attended the schools of his home district, and the Williamsport High School. He has followed farming successfully and has had the management of the home place since his father's demise. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a Democrat.

JONAS NOGGLE, a life-long farmer and useful citizen of Scioto township, for several years owner of the well-known Squire Wilkins farm of 90 acres, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, September 27, 1833. He is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Herron) Noggle. His father resided for 33 years on the John Reber farm in Walnut township, dying of paralysis in 1894, aged 83 years. His mother, who died in 1882, lived to be 79 years old. Besides Jonas, two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Noggle—George and Samuel, both deceased.

Jonas Noggle resided in Fairfield County until 1858, working hard as a farmer's boy for a moderate education, and becoming a thorough master of his life avocation. In that year, when 25 years of age, he married Angelina DeLong, a daughter of David DeLong, of

Fairfield County, and with \$30 in his pocket commenced married life in Clear Creek township, Fairfield County. There he resided for six years, and then lived for 16 years in Walnut township, Pickaway County, and for 15 years in Wayne township. Through persistency, intelligent work, close application to business and economy, Mr. Noggle succeeded in comfortably rearing a large family, educating his children and saving sufficient to purchase a good property. In September, 1904, he located in Scioto township, purchasing the Squire Wilkins farm, a pleasantly located and valuable tract of 90 acres. Here he conducts general farming operations and raises some live stock, being the owner of eight head of horses, 30 head of hogs and 12 head of cattle.

Mr. Noggle's first wife died in 1893, and his second marital union was with Mrs. Susan Krueger, daughter of David Good, of Fairfield County, this State.

By the first marriage there were the following children: W. Clinton, who married Annie McCune, a daughter of John McCune, and runs a foundry in Circleville; Samuel, married to Effie Hoffhines and employed in the Ashville corn canning factory; Mary, wife of Henry Allen Hedges, who resides in Scioto township, north of Commercial Point; Benton, who married and became the father of two children—both parents are now deceased; Charles, residing on the farm of Jacob Thorne, who married Amanda Milligan, of Fairfield County; and Chester, engaged in farming in Scioto township, who married Effie Hoover, daughter of William Hoover, of Clinton County, this State. Ralph and Grace (twins), now 12 years of age, are children of the second marriage, and are living at home, attending school.



D. HUMMEL, senior member of the firm of Hummel & Plum, well known in insurance lines, at Circleville, was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, October 14, 1876, and is the youngest son of Sylvester and Mary (Dunkle) Hummel.

The father and mother of Mr. Hummel

spent 23 years of the first part of their married life on the farm on which was formerly located the Southeastern Fair Grounds; after the death of the former owner, Mrs. Hummel's father, they together with G. B. Armstrong purchased the farm, afterward selling their interest to Mr. Armstrong and purchasing the Wilson Heffner farm near Stringtown, which they retained for 10 years at which time they purchased a farm in Jefferson township, Williams County, Ohio, to which they removed in the spring of 1902. Mrs. Hummel died at the last named place November 8, 1904; Mr. Hummel is still residing on the farm.

J. D. Hummel is one of the successful business men who was reared on the farm, spending two years learning the blacksmith's trade. After completing his education in the common and high schools, he taught for some six years in the schools of Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, and one year in Jefferson township, Williams County, Ohio, becoming a popular educator.

In July, 1904, Mr. Hummel came to Circleville, purchasing the interest of E. S. Hockman in the Hockman & Plum Insurance Agency (formerly the Van Heyde Agency, established in 1868), the new firm taking the style of Hummel & Plum. They represent the following old-line companies: Home, of New York; National Fire, of Hartford, Connecticut; Hartford Fire, of Hartford, Connecticut; Aetna, of Hartford, Connecticut; Royal, of Liverpool, England; Liverpool & London & Globe, of Liverpool, England; North America, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mutual Benefit Life, of Newark, New Jersey; and New York Plate Glass, of New York.

On January 1, 1901, Mr. Hummel was married to Ada Sonora Mowery, eldest daughter of John F. and Marye (Wolf) Mowery, of Salt Creek township, Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Hummel have one daughter, Marye Ruth, born October 25, 1902. While not devoting himself indly to politics, Mr. Hummel, as an intelligent citizen and progressive business man, keeps thoroughly posted on both outside and local affairs. He stands as one of the county's representative business men and does his part in promoting its general welfare.



APT. EDWARD R. BLACK, a prominent resident of Salt Creek township, and an honored veteran of the great Civil War, resides on a well-cultivated farm of 172 acres, to the value of which he has materially added by the placing of excellent improvements. Captain Black was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on August 22, 1836, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Burget) Black.

The father of Captain Black was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He came to Pickaway County from his native State, in 1811 and during the War of 1812 he served as a soldier on the frontier. He settled at Circleville, then a village, and as he was a carpenter and contractor he had much to do with the construction of what is now Pickaway County's metropolis. He erected the first Court House here and buildings stand in good preservation—in various sections of town and county—which testify to his honest work. Later he removed to a farm in Pickaway township, on which he resided until his death, in 1868, in his 83rd year. He married Elizabeth Burget, who was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, and accompanied her parents to Circleville in 1802. Thus on both sides of the family, Captain Black represents old pioneer families.

Edward R. Black was educated in the best local schools of the neighborhood in which his parents then resided, and was mainly reared on the farm, receiving the practical training in farming and stock-raising which proved valuable later in life. He was 26 years of age when the Civil War spread its blighting influence over the country. On every side volunteers were answering the call for national defenders and Pickaway County was prompt in showing loyal sentiment. On November 8, 1861, Edward R. Black enlisted as a private in Company A, 61st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., which became subsequently a part of the Army of the Cumberland. His period of service covered the remainder of the Civil War, he being honorably discharged on August 27, 1865. From the ranks, through personal valor, he rose, step by step, to the captaincy of his

company, from the battle of Stone River until the close of the war being captain of Company H, 69th Reg., Ohio Vet. Vol. Inf. He participated in the larger number of the great battles of the war and bravely endured the privations and hardships inseparable from the life of a soldier. At the last battle of Nashville, he was detailed as an aide to General Cruft and served as one of the latter's inspectors for several months, and then rejoined his regiment, at Raleigh, North Carolina. With thousands of his comrades and thousands more of admiring and enthusiastic fellow-citizens, he enjoyed the Grand Review at Washington City, a pageant which will always be remembered by those who took part in its glory or who were permitted to view it.

After the close of the war, Captain Black returned to Pickaway County, prepared to become as good a private citizen as he had been a brave soldier. He resided in Pickaway township until 1886, when he removed to Salt Creek township and in 1892 he settled on his present farm. Here he carries on large agricultural operations, raises large crops and breeds fine stock. During his residence in Pickaway township he served seven years as a justice of the peace. He has been more or less prominent ever since coming to Salt Creek township. Always a staunch Republican, he has frequently been selected as his party's standard-bearer, has been its candidate for the General Assembly and also for county treasurer. He has the confidence and esteem of his party and has a well-earned popularity with all classes.

On February 11, 1869, Captain Black was married to Susan Shoemaker, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of the late Daniel Shoemaker, and a granddaughter of Judge Jacob Shoemaker, who was an early settler of Salt Creek township. Captain and Mrs. Black have two daughters—Annie E. and Helen S. The former is connected and identified with the Civil Service Department of the government, at Washington, D. C.

Captain Black is a valued member of Groce Post, G. A. R., at Circleville. There are comrades there who remember the gallant service

performed by Captain Black and his brothers of Company H, on the evening before the battle of Chickamauga, in the burning of Reed's bridge, which brought out the statement from General Thomas that this strategic act saved the Union Army from utter destruction.

ABRAMHAM C. HIBBENS, a prominent and successful farmer of Wayne township, who owns a well-improved farm of 150 acres in Wayne township and another of 144½ acres, partly in Wayne and partly in Deer Creek townships, was born March 9, 1836, in Waverly, Pike County, Ohio. His parents were James R. and Mary (Chenoweth) Hibbens.

The children of James R. Hibbens were: Cranville C., Samuel R., William, Abraham C. and Rebecca Ann.

Abraham C. Hibbens attended school in his youth in a pioneer log schoolhouse, but later had better advantages at Waverly, his father having located in Waverly, Pee Pee township. At the death of the father, Abraham C. inherited his present farm in Wayne township, later purchased 144½ acres and now owns 294½ acres. His property is finely improved and the greater part of it is under cultivation.

On November 19, 1861, at Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. Hibbens enlisted for service in the Civil War, joining Company I, 56th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under command of Capt. Thomas Kinney and served until April 7, 1866, in which period he saw service at Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Vicksburg and in many minor engagements. He was mustered out at New Orleans, April 7, 1866, and just one month later received his honorable discharge at Columbus, Ohio.

On March 22, 1870, Mr. Hibbens was married to Juliet Hard, a daughter of Daniel D. T. and Lenira (Puffer) Hard, the latter a daughter of Richard and Clarissa Puffer. Mr. and Mrs. Hard had these children: Mary Louise and Addie, both deceased; and Mrs. Hibbens and her twin sister, Helen, now the wife of R. A. Nessmith, of Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Hibbens have two daughters—Helen and Flora May. The former has been a successful teacher in the schools of Columbus for years. The latter remains with her parents. The whole family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mount Pleasant. Mr. Hibbens is a Mason, belonging to Heber Lodge, No. 501, at Williamsport. He is a well-known and highly respected citizen. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES STRODE SWEARINGEN, a representative of one of the oldest families in Pickaway County, and a prominent farmer of Jackson township, where he owns a valuable farm of 180 acres on the Florence Chapel turnpike, was born August 19, 1857, in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He is a son of Henry Bedinger and Elizabeth (Nesbitt) Swearingen.

Our subject is in the seventh generation of his family established in America. The founder, Zachariah Swerengen, as the name was formerly spelled, was born in Holland, married Barbara De Barette, lived in the Province of Brabant and emigrated from there to America in 1654. He settled in Maryland, of which he was made a freeman in 1669.

Zachariah Swearingen, son of Zachariah, the immigrant, probably married in Maryland. He reared four sons: Thomas, Van, John and Samuel.

Thomas, the eldest son of Zachariah Swearingen (2), also married in Maryland and had two sons—Thomas and Van. According to old records these sons, in 1734, settled along the Shenandoah River, in the vicinity of Sheperdstown. The second son was later a lieutenant of militia in Berkeley County, Virginia. He seems to have been a man of military tastes as the records show that he later became a colonel of militia and doubtless had much to do with the civilizing of that locality. He had five children.

Josiah Swearingen, the eldest son of Thomas Swearingen, was born March 28, 1744, in Virginia, and died August 9, 1795.

He also became a military man, becoming a captain under General Lewis, during Lord Dunmore's War. On January 5, 1777, he married Phebe Strode, who was born December 8, 1747, and died July 6, 1786. Their children were: Thomas, James S., Samuel and Eleanor. The last named became the wife of Governor Thomas Worthington.

James S. Swearingen, the second son of Josiah Swearingen, was born February 3, 1782, in Berkeley County, Virginia. He was a youth of quick perceptions as the family annals tell that when he was but 16 years old he was made a clerk in the office of the county clerk at Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. A change of climate being suggested to him, on account of his delicate health, he concluded to become one of the great body of pioneers who were seeking homes and lands in what was then the wilderness of Ohio, and succeeded in exchanging his Virginia estates for land near the village of Chillicothe. He also possessed his family's military spirit as we learn that in 1800 he was appointed an ensign in the army, two years later made a lieutenant and was considered so good a soldier and so reliable a man that he was called to guide a party through the wilderness from Chillicothe to Lake Erie; and when he reached Detroit, he was entrusted with the command of a company which was hurried to the relief of the settlement at Chicago. There he remained in command during the building of Fort Dearborn and later was stationed at Fort Mifflin in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Later he was sent to various points to quell disorder, the greater part of his life being spent on the frontier.

In 1814, after deserved promotions, General Swearingen was stationed at Chillicothe, where he remained until the close of the War of 1812. After the cessation of hostilities, he decided to make that place his home, although, through his father-in-law, he had become the possessor of the Bedinger tract of land in Jackson township, Pickaway County, of which our subject's farm is a part. General Swearingen died at Chillicothe on February 3, 1864.

On November 4, 1811, while stationed at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he was married to

Nancy Bedinger, who was born January 7, 1787, and was a daughter of Capt. Henry and Rachel (Strode) Bedinger. The Bedingers were German Protestants who fled from persecution to America. They landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1734 and subsequently settled in York County, Pennsylvania. Henry Bedinger, son of Adam the immigrant, married Magdalena Slagle and they moved to Sheperdstown, Virginia, in 1762. The father of Mrs. Nancy Swearingen, Henry Bedinger, was born there October 16, 1753. He became a captain in the Patriot Army during the Revolutionary War, was taken prisoner at Fort Washington and for four years was confined on Long Island. He survived the horrors of the British prisons and in 1796 located the land in Jackson township, Pickaway County, which was given him for his services as a soldier. This land has remained in the family, never having been either bought or sold. He was a member of the Order of the Cincinnati.

The children of James and Nancy (Bedinger) Swearingen were seven in number, three of whom died in infancy. Those who reached maturity were: Henry Bedinger, Eleanor, Sarah B. and Virginia. Virginia died unmarried. Eleanor married twice; first, John H. Grant of Covington, Kentucky, and second, Maj. Edward Clarkson, also of Covington. She died in 1879. Sarah married N. W. Thatcher.

Henry Bedinger Swearingen, father of our subject, was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, on November 16, 1814, and in 1848 he settled on what was known as the Bedinger survey, although he has been a resident of Pickaway County from 1837. On January 3, 1850, he married Elizabeth Nesbitt, who was born June 3, 1827, at Xenia, Ohio, and died in 1881. He died October 15, 1889. Their children were: Eleanor V., James Strode, Nancy N., Robert N., John Grant, Henry B., Thomas T., and Mary S. Eleanor V., born in 1854, married W. Vernor Grant, of Covington, Kentucky (now a resident of Circleville), in 1882, and died September 26, 1890, leaving a son—Henry. Nancy N., born in 1858, died in 1887. Robert N., born in 1859, died in 1865. John Grant,

born February 24, 1863, married Fannie Dent on November 13, 1888, and they have one daughter—Virginia Dent. Henry B. is connected with government official life, with headquarters at Louisville, Kentucky. Thomas T., born in 1868, is in business at Columbus. Mary S., a graduate of a private seminary at Columbus, married William Hail, resides in Houston, Texas, and has three children.

The father of the above named family was a graduate of Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, and was a man of scholarly tastes and wide information. He numbered among his intimate friends many of the prominent men of his day who were attracted to him by his sterling character, his genial hospitality and his social accomplishments. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, connected with St. Philip's parish, and through life was a true churchman. His liberality to his church and to educational and philanthropic objects was notable.

James Strode Swearingen was given good educational opportunities which he took advantage of in his youth. Declining a professional life, he chose agriculture as his occupation and has continued in the cultivation of the patrimonial acres. The farm is a highly cultivated one and is well improved. In 1890 Mr. Swearingen remodeled the family residence, introducing many modern features, making it an ornament to the township and a pleasing, comfortable home to the owners.

On November 12, 1890, Mr. Swearingen was married to Minerva Anderson, who was born October 15, 1861, in Wayne township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and she is a daughter of James H. and Elizabeth (Fleming) Anderson. The children born to the above union are: Henry B., named for his grandfather, born August 31, 1894; William F., born September 13, 1895; and Sarah, born February 10, 1897. Mr. Swearingen, with his family, belong to St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church at Circleville.

For a number of years Mr. Swearingen has been prominently identified with the Republican party in Pickaway County and has served many times as a delegate to important conven-

tions. He belongs to the Foresters lodge at Circleville, and for a long time was active in the local Grange.

As a closing paragraph to the record of a notable family of Pickaway County, Ohio, we add an extract from a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, under date of September 20, 1903:

"In 1803, Capt. John Whistler and Lieut. James S. Swearingen, with a company of United States Regulars, infantry, built and established Fort Dearborn." On account of this fact, our subject and his cousin, Edward Strode Thatcher, were made honorary members of the Chicago Historical Society.



A. McLAUGHLIN, of the firm of J. A. McLaughlin & Brother, proprietors of the McLaughlin buggy, carriage and wagon works at Circleville, was born in this city, May 1, 1862, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Kramer) McLaughlin.

William McLaughlin was the founder of the present extensive business carried on by his sons. He was born in Pennsylvania and came in 1842, to Circleville, where his death occurred in 1892. In 1866 he embarked in a general blacksmithing business and also in the manufacture of wagons and carriages, being one of the pioneers in this line in Circleville. He became a man of substance and prominence, took an active interest in civic affairs and served two terms as a member of the City Council. He married Elizabeth Kramer and they had two sons—J. A. and W. G.

J. A. McLaughlin was educated in the public schools and was graduated at the Circleville High School in 1880. He at once became an employee under his father and in 1888 he became a member of the firm, the style then assumed being William McLaughlin & Son. This continued until the death of the older member in 1892, when the second son entered the business and the firm name became J. A. McLaughlin & Brother. Their output covers all kinds of vehicles; they build carriages, bug-

gies, and delivery and transfer wagons and stand at the head of this line of business in Circleville. Both are practical workmen, understanding every detail themselves. They employ a large amount of skilled help.

J. A. McLaughlin is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows.

W. G. McLAUGHLIN, the second member of the above mentioned firm, was born in 1868, in Circleville, where he was educated. He was trained in his father's carriage works and is a capable mechanic. He was married in February, 1897, to Ora Valentine, who is a daughter of Noah Valentine, of Fairfield County, Ohio.

HENRY GREEN, who resides on a well-cultivated farm of 40¼ acres in Scioto township and who is well known as a Prohibitionist and an upholder of public education, is a son of John Mordecai and Mary (Conrad) Green. He was born in Goodhope township, Hocking County, Ohio, February 17, 1847, and obtained his early education in the district schools of that county. In 1865, with his parents, he removed to Pickaway County, locating in Muhlenberg township, on what was then known as the Renick farm, now owned by Scott Carpenter. There he resided for three years, after which he settled on the Gantz estate, an adjoining farm, where he remained for two years. His father at that time was engaged in teaching, which vocation he followed both in Pickaway and in Hocking County, farming often in the summer months. In his earlier years, the subject of this sketch himself taught eight winter terms, being engaged in agricultural labors in the summer season.

John M. Green, the father of our subject, served for two terms as justice of the peace in Scioto township, was a very intelligent and highly respected citizen and died more than 25 years ago at the age of upward of 60 years; his widow survived him until January 12, 1905, when she passed away at the age of 84 years, having spent her last years in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. In the family of John M.

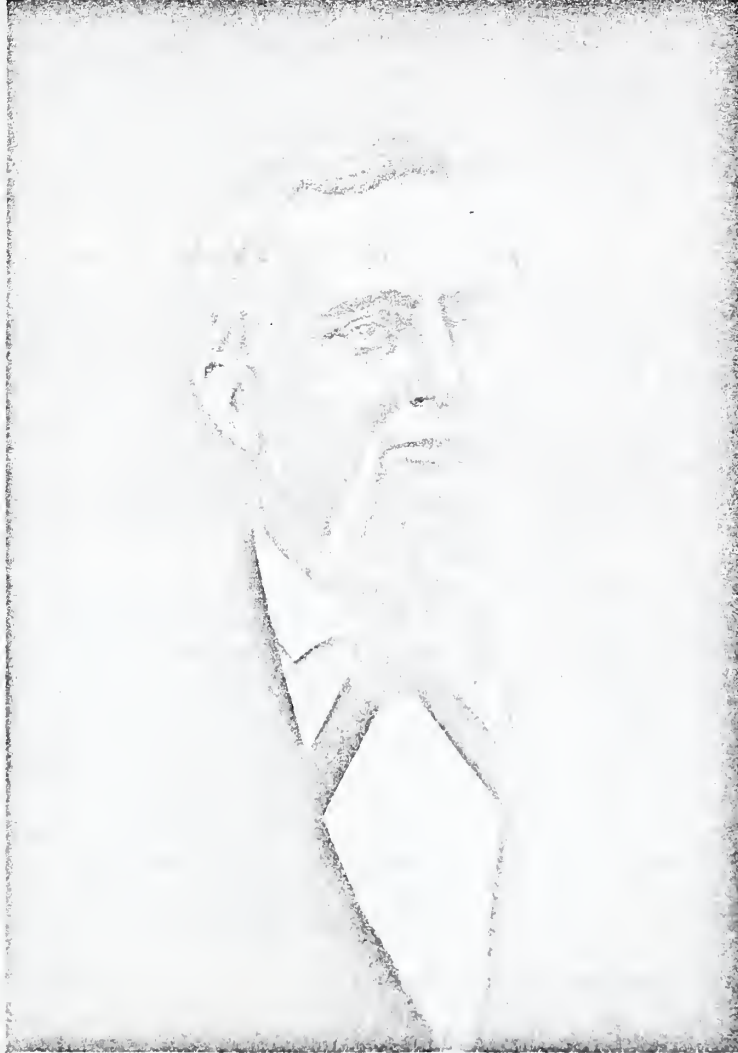
Green were four sons and five daughters, of whom two sons and all of the daughters are still living. The record is as follows: Ephraim, who is a resident of Nemaha County, Nebraska; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Sarah Jane, wife of James P. Tipton, living in Shadesville, Franklin County, Ohio; William, deceased; Joseph, who never married, residing in Scioto township; Lucinda, who married John Meeker and lives in West Jefferson, Madison County, Ohio; Almeda, wife of Seymour Tipton, residing in Scioto township; Mary Ann, who married William H. Sullivan and resides at Lancaster, Fairfield County; and Barbara Ellen, who is the widow of Frank Hoover.

On March 23, 1873, Henry Green was married to Sarah Jane Murphy, daughter of Francis Charles and Lucinda Murphy, of Scioto township, her parents at the time being residents of Muhlenberg township. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green, viz.: Mary E., widow of Jonas Hoover, Jr.; John Otis, a farmer of Scioto township; Charles Russell and Margaret A., both deceased; Laura May, who lives at home; Leslie Wayne, who is married and a resident of Ashville, employed in a brick-yard; Henry Clifford, a third year student at the Ohio State University, Columbus; Bertha and Shirley, the former of whom died when 18 months old and the latter, at the age of six months; and Alice and Tessa, living at home.

Mr. Green lives simply, but comfortably, and his farm although not large is improved to the utmost. He engages in general farming, and raises such stock as is required. For seven years Mr. Green has served as a member of the School Board for Scioto township, but otherwise has had little to do with public affairs.

JOHAN B. STEIN, whose well-improved farm of 118 acres is situated in section 11, Circleville township, was born February 8, 1842, in Pennsylvania, and is a son of David and Mary Ann (Billig) Stein.

David Stein was born in Pennsylvania and



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owned a farm there which he sold when he decided to move to Pickaway County, Ohio. The long journey was made in wagons, the whole family, including his father and his wife and children, constituting the party. The money realized on the Pennsylvania farm was packed in a wooden bucket and was thus transported to the new home. The grandfather of our subject, John Stein, had entered a large tract of land here as early as 1832. To this David Stein added until at one period he owned 400 acres, all in Circleville township. David Stein died in 1888.

John B. Stein was practically reared on the farm he now occupies and his education was secured in the district schools. He has always engaged in agricultural pursuits and has been very successful. He has made many improvements on his property and in 1881 he erected the present, commodious and comfortable dwelling and large barn. During the Civil War he joined the Ohio militia and did his part in suppressing the raids made by the Confederate general, Morgan.

Mr. Stein married Lydia Morris, a daughter of James Morris, of Walnut township, and they have had four children—three daughters and one son. The latter died at the age of six years. The daughters are: Anna, who married Charles Bell, resides in Circleville township and has two children—John and Ralph; and Florence and Fannie, who reside at home.

Politically Mr. Stein is a Democrat and on numerous occasions he has been elected to office. During a period of seven years he resided in Jackson township and was one of the trustees a large part of that time. He is a deacon in the Lutheran Church.

NON. NELSON J. TURNEY. Among the many men of prominence produced by Pickaway County, the late Nelson J. Turney, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was conspicuous. He was born November 7, 1820, and died March 4, 1883, both events taking place in the city of Circleville. His parents were Daniel and Jane (Denny) Turney.

The Turney family was of French extraction and the direct ancestors of Nelson J. Turney were French Huguenots—Daniel, Peter and Adam Turney, three brothers, escaping to America in the latter part of the 17th century and landing in Philadelphia in 1668.

Henry Turney, son of Daniel, the emigrant, was the grandfather of Nelson J. Turney. From Philadelphia he removed to Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, Virginia, where he subsequently married a Miss Embly. They had six children, none of whom survived infancy except Daniel, who became the father of our subject.

Daniel Turney was born at Shepherdstown, Virginia, August 16, 1786. His father removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1800, and there died 12 years later. Daniel Turney studied medicine, was graduated from the Medical College of Philadelphia and in 1806 settled at Jefferson, Ohio, for the practice of his profession. On November 3, 1816, he married Jane Sirling Denny, who was born at Marietta, Ohio, April 11, 1798, and was a daughter of Gen. James Denny, one of the most prominent pioneers of the Northwest Territory. He was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1767. He married Isabel Barr, of Wheeling, Virginia, in 1797 and, in a keelboat, moved to Marietta, Ohio. In 1799 General Denny moved to Chillicothe and in 1807 came to Pickaway County. He was a government surveyor and owned the *Freedom* newspaper, which was the first one ever published in Pickaway County. In 1813 he was clerk of the court in this county. In the second war with Great Britain, he rose from the rank of major to that of major-general. He died in Philadelphia, November 23, 1815.

The members of the Turney family became prominent in their various lines of activity. Dr. Turney practiced as a surgeon in the War of 1812. Until his death in 1827 he was ranked with the eminent professional men of his day and his decease was looked upon in the light of a calamity in his immediate locality. His children were: Henry, Nelson J., Isabella and Samuel D. The last named, Dr. Samuel D. Turney, who died in 1878, was widely known for his skill in medicine and

surgery; during the Civil War he served as medical director and was also surgeon general of Ohio under the administration of Governor R. B. Hayes. He became a very popular member of the faculty of the Columbus Medical College.

Nelson J. Turney had many educational advantages but very early in life he was thrown upon his own resources. He completed his education at Dr. Washburn's academy in Franklin County, Ohio, and then, at the age of 15 years, he became a clerk in the post-office at Columbus, under Postmaster Belah Latham. From 1837 to 1840 he was in the employ of Fay, Kilbourne & Company, of Columbus, but in the latter year he accompanied his mother to Circleville, where he was in the employ of H. W. Bell until he was appointed collector of tolls for the Ohio Canal at this point. A change in the political administration of the State removed him from this position and in 1845 he entered the employ of Neil, Moore & Company, the extensive stage-coach proprietors. During his association with this firm a difficulty arose with a Missouri company and Mr. Turney was chosen to start an opposition line in the Missouri territory, with a full equipment of coaches and horses. This move brought the Missouri company to terms. From Indianapolis Mr. Turney was at once ordered north with his outfit and he distributed the coaches and horses along the lake shore between Sandusky and Detroit. He established his headquarters at Toledo, where he remained in charge until the spring of 1844, when he returned to Columbus.

In 1845 Mr. Turney removed to Philadelphia, where he was employed for one year by the house of Miller, Cooper & Company, wholesale merchants, after which he returned to Ohio, married and embarked in a mercantile business for himself at Circleville. Some time later he sold his interests here and removed to Chillicothe, but in 1850 he returned to Pickaway County and entered into farming. For the next 20 years Mr. Turney was an extensive farmer and stock-raiser; at the close of this period, he sold out his country interests and moved to Circleville, where he erected a beautiful residence.

During his long residence on his farm, Mr. Turney took the deepest interest in all agricultural subjects, utilizing every modern method of approved utility and purchasing agricultural machinery of the best pattern. His farm was scientifically conducted and every part of it was made to yield to its utmost. He was a very active member of the Pickaway County Agricultural Society from its organization and served for many years as its president. From 1862 until 1870 he served as a member of the State Board of Agriculture and was its valued president from 1862 until 1863. He was one of the early champions of good roads; he took a great deal of interest in the turnpike system and assisted in the building of the turnpike from Circleville to Darbyville, superintending its construction. Mr. Turney also was superintendent in charge of the erection of the Masonic Temple in Circleville and was made chairman of the committee on arrangements on the occasion of its dedication, on June 2, 1879, a notable event in the city's history.

In public life and in military affairs, when his country was in danger, Mr. Turney was an important factor. In 1864 he was appointed a member of the military committee of Pickaway County by Governor Brough, the duties of which office he performed in the most faithful and efficient manner. He was active in providing for, raising and equipping troops, and in every possible way, to the extent of his influence and ability, he aided in assisting his State through the trying years of the Civil War. His services were invaluable but he was never willing to accept any compensation for the pecuniary losses thus incurred by him. In 1859 he declined a nomination for the State Legislature, but in 1868 the Republican party made him its congressional candidate. He was not elected, the Democratic party in that year sweeping all before it. In 1872 he was delegate to the Republican National Convention, which nominated General Grant for a second term. In 1871 Mr. Turney was selected by the Secretary of the Interior to go as a special agent to investigate the affairs of the Indian agencies of the Upper Missouri River, and in the fall of the same year, in company with

Hon. B. R. Cowen, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Col. J. J. Woods, of Kansas, he appraised the Cherokee land strip in the Indian Territory. During this inspection he visited Sitting Bull and his people and as an evidence of how thoroughly he was equipped for this important and delicate diplomatic mission, he remained in safety, without an escort, in Montana among the Sioux for three months. At the end of this time, he led away 3,000 of Sitting Bull's warriors and accompanied 30 of the most influential chiefs to Washington, to make their appeal. In 1871 he was appointed by President Grant a member of the celebrated "Brotherhood of Indian Commissioners," composed of men noted for their philanthropy. Mr. Turney remained a member of this board until failing health caused his retirement in 1875. He was appointed by Governor Hayes a trustee of the Cincinnati Asylum for the Insane. A mark of confidence was the choosing of him as assignee in the bankruptcy of Lemuel Steel's estate, which was one of the largest in the Scioto Valley.

Mr. Turney married Dorothy Renick, who was a daughter of George Renick, formerly of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Pickaway County has awarded Nelson J. Turney the title of "a man among men." Its citizens honored him through life and cherish his memory. He possessed the unassuming manner which usually accompanies greatness, but underneath was the strong will and firm conviction of right, which caused him to never swerve an inch from the path of duty and justice. Among his associates by whom he was best known he was dubbed "Old Honesty," a name he cherished and one which many men of affairs of the present day would give millions to leave to their descendants.

ELKANAH HUMBLE, whose home farm of 240 acres of valuable, well-improved land is but a part of that possessed by him in Pickaway County, is one of the substantial men and prominent farmers of this locality. His land is thus divided: 240 acres, on which his home

stands, are situated in section 4, Walnut township; 213 acres are near St. Paul, in Madison township, and 162 acres are in Scioto township. Mr. Humble was born September 20, 1826, near Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, and is a son of Custer and Deborah (Crevis-ton) Humble.

Uriah Humble, grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia, moved from there to Kentucky, then removed to Adams County, Ohio, and thence to Madison County, where he died. In 1813 he built the first log Court House at London, Madison County, Ohio, which he constructed of hewed logs and for which he was paid the sum of \$145.

Until he was 14 years of age, Elkanah Humble lived in Delaware and Franklin counties. In the fall of 1840 he came to Pickaway County and settled in Walnut township. In 1849 he attended school at Delaware, Ohio, having taught school the previous year, and for the following 15 years he continued teaching through Walnut, Harrison and Madison townships. He is well known all over the county and many of the successful men in various positions of life in this section were once his pupils.

Mr. Humble was married (first), in 1851, to Rhoda Miller, who was a daughter of Joseph Miller. She died in 1852, leaving a babe of two weeks. The child was named Albert and is a well-known citizen of Madison township. He graduated from college at Delaware, Ohio, receiving his degree of A. B., following which he taught school for four years at Wilmington, Ohio. Later he taught in Texas, Indian Territory, Colorado and Oregon. He has never married.

In the fall of 1854 Mr. Humble married his sister-in-law, Catherine Miller, and they had three sons, Gilbert, Joseph and Frank. The eldest married Eliza Ann Brinker and has had four children, namely: Frank, deceased at the age of seven years; Edna May, a graduate of the Ashville High School; and two that died in infancy. Gilbert Humble resides with his father on the home farm. Joseph Humble worked on the home farm into young manhood and then went West, visited the Pacific Coast, and engaged in gold mining at Victor, Mon-

tana, where he received injuries from which he died in 1896. Frank, the third son, went to Colorado in 1886. There he served for six years as clerk and recorder of Montezuma County. He has large gold mine investments at Cripple Creek and resides at Denver. Mrs. Humble died in February, 1880. Mr. Humble is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat.



WILLIAM H. PERRILL, a representative farmer and prominent citizen of Madison township, whose fine farm of 176 acres is situated in section 29, was born in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), April 29, 1839, and is a son of John T. and Hannah (McFarland) Perrill, both of whom were natives also of what is now West Virginia.

William H. Perrill was reared in Berkeley County, where his education was obtained under difficulties, as he had to walk from four to six miles to school. This was mainly in the winter seasons, his summers being occupied on the farm. He remained in West Virginia until 1864, when he came to Ohio and located in Madison township, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since. Since 1871 he has resided on his present valuable farm, which he has placed under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Perrill was married on December 8, 1868, to Sarah J. Wheeler, who was born October 22, 1843, in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Benjamin G. and Lucinda J. (Lane) Wheeler.

Benjamin G. Wheeler was six years old when he accompanied his parents to Pickaway County from Maryland. He was reared in this county and after reaching man's estate settled in Madison township, in 1839. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life and died in 1869. His wife survived until 1886. Of their children, these survive: Mary A., wife of D. A. Lane, residing near Commercial Point; Sarah J. (Mrs. Perrill); Martha C.,

wife of James Lane, of Toronto, Ontario; and George E., of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Wheeler was one of the leading men of his time in Madison township. He was a staunch Democrat and could have been elected to any office in the gift of the people had he cared for political prominence. He was a friend of the public schools and a supporter of religious bodies and was ever ready to contribute for the furtherance of township improvements.

In politics, our subject is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Madison Presbyterian Church, in which both are active. Mrs. Perrill being a useful member of the Ladies' Aid Society. They have many attached friends and are welcome participants in all the pleasant social affairs of the neighborhood.



WILLIAM H. SILBAUGH, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Ashville, was born October 21, 1867, at Lawrence Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, and is a son of William and Mary (Everly) Silbaugh.

William Silbaugh was born in the Duchy of Nassau, Germany, July 10, 1835, and came to this country in 1851, locating in Ohio, where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons and carriages. He died March 3, 1883. Our subject's mother, who is of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, was born in Morgantown, Virginia (now West Virginia), June 7, 1839, and is still living, at the age of 67 years.

William H. Silbaugh attended the Iron-ton (Ohio) High School, and then worked at carriage building in order to secure funds to complete his education. In 1891 he entered Miami Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1894-95. After his graduation he first located at Royalton, Fairfield County, Ohio, where he had read medicine with his brother, Dr. John J. Silbaugh, and here practiced for two years. On April 7, 1897, he moved to Ashville where he has since been successfully engaged in the

practice of his profession. Dr. Silbaugh spent a portion of the years 1891 and 1892 in Philadelphia in the German Hospital under such eminent specialists as Dr. John Dever and Dr. Joseph Price, of Price's Hospital; and Dr. William H. Rodmon, professor of surgery in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. Dr. Silbaugh also took a post-graduate course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York and is excellently equipped for the practice of his profession. His brother, Dr. John J. Silbaugh, is a leading physician and surgeon of Lancaster, Ohio, and another brother, Leroy G. Silbaugh, is a prominent attorney of Lancaster, of which city he was mayor in 1892-93.

Dr. William H. Silbaugh was united in marriage on June 13, 1895, to Anna E. Creed, a daughter of George and Alice Creed, of Royalton, Fairfield County, Ohio. Mrs. Silbaugh was a granddaughter of the late Andrew Peters. She was a student at Delaware College for three years. Dr. and Mrs. Silbaugh have had two children: George Creed and William Harold.

Fraternally, Dr. Silbaugh is a member of the Masonic lodge at Circleville and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows lodges at Ashville.

THOMAS FLEMMING CARPENTER, a resident of this county for a period of 23 years, is the owner of 117 acres of well-improved land in Darby township. He comes of an old Kentucky family and is a son of John R. and Betty (Hopper) Carpenter and grandson of Simon P. Carpenter. The mother is dead, but the father still lives in his native State.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Carpenter were the parents of 10 children, as follows: Robert, deceased, who married Jennie Kilpatrick; Channie, also deceased, who married Mannie Yantis; Anna, who became the wife of Simon Julick and has passed away; Abraham, who married Lizzie Belt, both now deceased; John S., who married Julia Hughes; Elias P., who

married Julia Flemming, since deceased; Ida, the widow of Charles Kilpatrick; Alice, unmarried, who lives in Kentucky with her father, and T. F., our subject.

Thomas F. Carpenter was born in Kentucky on the 19th of March, 1856, and when a young man located in Monroe township, this county, where he married Maggie Cardiff, daughter of C. F. Cardiff, who died at Derby. When Mr. Carpenter first came to Darby township, in 1880, he farmed on rented land, but in 1891 he located on the fine tract which he has since so greatly improved. His principal crops are corn and wheat.

Our subject has no children of his own, but a little girl, Hazel, shares the pleasant family home and cheers his life. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Carpenter belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Derby.



WILLARD M. JUSTUS, a successful farmer of Jackson township, operator of a fine farm of 106 acres known as "Oak Dene," which is located on the Goosepond turnpike, three and a half miles from Circleville, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, June 6, 1872. He is a son of Jacob and Cynthia Ann (Marion) Justus.

The parents of Mr. Justus were also natives of Pickaway County. They still survive and are respected residents of Five Points, Pickaway County. Of their family of seven children, Willard M. is the third in order of birth.

On June 6, 1900, Willard M. Justus was married to Margaret Caldwell, who was born in Jackson township on a farm some two miles distant from the home residence, and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Start) Caldwell, the former of whom was born in Jackson and the latter in Harrison township, Pickaway County. Mr. Caldwell spent his whole life here, dying in February, 1875, at the age of 57 years and leaving an estate of 250 acres of land. In politics he was a strong Democrat.

The Caldwell family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the county. It was founded in Ohio by Alexander Caldwell, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Justus, who was born in Ireland and was accompanied to America by three daughters and one of his sons, Alexander. Grandfather Alexander Caldwell was seven years old when his father came to Pickaway County and he became one of the leading men of Jackson township. He was married three times and had five sons and one daughter—all born to his first union. Mrs. Justus was the eldest of her parents' family, the others being: Rachel Alice, wife of John Shipley, of Jackson township; and Mary Ida, wife of Louis Shipley, also of Jackson township.

By a former marriage to George Darst, Mrs. Justus had these children: Mary, wife of William Reid, of Duvall, Ohio; William, of Danville, Illinois; Harold, of Columbus, Ohio; Janet, wife of Harry Shockley, of Columbus; Josephine, of Columbus; and Chetwynd, also of Columbus.

Mr. Justus was reared to agricultural pursuits and has always been regarded as a very competent manager, excellent farmer and exemplary man. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Circleville and is past chancellor in the former order. The farm of Mr. and Mrs. Justus lies in the belt which is of historic interest on account of the mounds still observable, these formations never having been satisfactorily explained, although many scientists have visited them.

LEMUEL L. STEELY, a successful farmer and stockraiser of Pickaway township, was born in this township, October 11, 1863, and belongs to one of the old pioneer families of this section. His parents are John P. and Mary Elizabeth (Ludwig) Steely.

Lemuel Steely, the grandfather of Lemuel L., was a very early settler in Pickaway township. On the old Steely homestead John P. Steely, father of our subject, was born; many of his active years were spent in this part of

Pickaway County. With his wife he now resides in Fairfield County, Ohio. The surviving children of John P. Steely and wife are: Lemuel L.; Evaline G., wife of W. F. Fleming, residing in the Indian Territory; Arthur H., of Circleville; Charles D., of Pickaway township; George, of Circleville township; Jacob, of Franklin County; John, of Circleville township; and Mary, of Fairfield County.

Lemuel L. Steely was reared and educated in Pickaway County and in the normal school, at Lebanon, Ohio. He has always found his pleasure and profit in following agricultural pursuits, devoting his main attention to the raising of stock. He is well known all over the county and is considered an excellent judge of stock and an unusually successful raiser. He also carries on a general line of farming.

Mr. Steely was married September 16, 1896, to Mary W. Gill, who is a daughter of William Gill, a prominent resident of Salt Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Steely have one daughter, Alice E., who was born October 5, 1897, and is attending schools.

Politically Mr. Steely is affiliated with the Republican party. He takes a lively interest in all local matters, as becomes a good citizen and is not indifferent to the schemes of public improvement which continually add to the advancement of his township. He believes in good roads and in good schools.



HARRY J. BOND, D. D. S., a leading dentist of Ashville, whose offices are situated in the Squires Building, was born at Sandy Lake, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Hunter) Bond.

Joseph Bond, who was born in England 65 years ago, came to this country in 1853 and located in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where he has since been engaged in farming. The mother of our subject was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where she still lives.

Harry J. Bond was for a number of years a student at the McElwain Institute and also attended Grove City College. He left school at the age of 21 and entered the Ohio Dental

College at Cincinnati, where he remained as a student for three years, graduating in the class of 1895 on April 2nd. He located in Ashville on April 3rd, just one day after his graduation, and here has met with much success. He commands a large and increasing practice and devotes his whole time to his profession.

Dr. Bond was married April 15, 1896, to Luella Huey, a daughter of David and Mary Huey, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Bond, namely: Howard, Donald and a daughter that died during infancy. Dr. Bond's residence is located on East Main street, Ashville. He is a member of the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and of Palmetto Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Ashville. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ashville.

PHILIP G. GRIFFIN, deceased, was one of the prominent farmers and highly respected and useful citizens of Salt Creek township. He was born May 4, 1831, in Brunswick County, Virginia, and was a son of Samuel and Mary (Wesson) Griffin. His death took place on his farm in Salt Creek township, near Stringtown, on June 1, 1905.

The Griffin family is one of age and local prominence in Brunswick County, Virginia, the ancestry of the late Philip G. Griffin being traced to a certain Captain Griffin, who settled in that part of Virginia in colonial days. He was of Scotch and English ancestry. On the maternal side, Mr. Griffin came of Revolutionary stock, his grandfather, Isaac Wesson, having served with the American Army as a member of the Harry Lee Light Horse.

The late Philip G. Griffin was nine months old when he was brought to Ohio by his parents, the long trip being made overland in a wagon, which served as the family home until their safe arrival in Ross County. The Griffins lived first at Frankfort but later removed to Londonderry, where Philip G. Griffin was reared. He was educated in the district schools and in an academy at Kingston, and then entered his father's store at Londonderry, the

latter having been one of the pioneer merchants there. Philip G. Griffin continued in the mercantile business for a number of years, was appointed postmaster, and was a very successful and respected citizen. Politically he was very prominently identified with the Democratic party in Ross County and for many years held office. In 1866 he was elected clerk of the County Court and was re-elected to this office in 1869. In 1874 he was elected auditor of Ross County and served through two terms, a period of six years, in this responsible office.

For 10 years Mr. Griffin resided at Chilliscothe, but at the close of his second term as auditor he returned to Londonderry, where he lived until 1889. In that year he settled on his fine farm in Salt Creek township, where the last 16 years of his life were passed. During this period he engaged in large agricultural operations, and through his enterprise and public spirit made his influence felt in the community. For a number of years he was active in promoting educational matters in Salt Creek township and was a valued member of the Board of Education.

On April 6, 1858, Mr. Griffin was united in marriage with Susan A. Cryder, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, June 18, 1835, and is a daughter of George and Mary (Bowsher) Cryder. The father of Mrs. Griffin was born in Virginia, and the mother in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin had three children, viz.: Hattie W., deceased; Georgia E. and Susan W. The family still reside on the farm to which they removed from Ross County, in 1889. It is valuable property and ranks with the other productive farms of Salt Creek township.

Mr. Griffin was a prominent member of the Improved Order of Red Men and was a charter member of the tribe at Adelphi and served as its first prophet. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Adelphi and belonged also to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Griffin was a man of the highest integrity and his character was recognized by his fellow-citizens who entrusted large interests to him. The confidence thus given was never violated and his public service only tended to make him more highly respected in the county where his memory is still preserved.

ADAM GROVE, one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of Jackson township, who owns 212 acres of valuable land, resides on a tract of 57 acres, which is divided by the Jackson and Scioto township line, 25 acres being in the latter township. Mr. Grove was born near Clarksburg, Ross County, Ohio, May 10, 1829, and is a son of Abraham and Barbara (Weir) Grove.

The Grove family is an old pioneer one of Ohio. Henry Grove, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania and came from that State at a very early day and settled in Ross County, Ohio. About 1835 he purchased 200 acres of land on the west side of the river in Pickaway County, near South Bloomfield, and an additional tract of 114 acres, which our subject now owns. He lived to an advanced age.

Abraham Grove was probably a babe when his parents came to Ohio, and he was reared and married in Ross County. He died October 23, 1854, in Jackson township, Pickaway County, on the place where our subject now lives. Abraham Grove married Barbara Weir, who was born December 26, 1806, and died February 7, 1879. Her father, Obadiah Weir, owned a fine farm in the neighborhood of Chillicothe. Their children were: Adam, the subject of this sketch; Drusilla, deceased; Samuel P., deceased in youth; Adeline, who died in Illinois; Louisa (Coonrod), of Missouri; Henry M., deceased; Thomas, now a resident of Illinois, who served all through the Civil War as a member of the 45th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf.; Willard T.; Abraham S., of Missouri; and Sarah, who died in infancy. Willard T. Grove married Alwilda Rowe and has two children, Ollie Myrtle and Grace R. They reside with our subject, who has never married.

Adam Grove has been a resident of Pickaway County longer than he can remember. His parents settled on his present farm when it was still a wilderness, when game of all kinds still abounded and when a dinner of wild turkey was secured very easily. Deer came to the doorstep and wild animals were still in the near-by forests. Our subject's father had 57

acres of land, to which our subject added 57 acres more just south of the first piece, that had formerly belonged to his uncle. Then Mr. Grove bought 57 acres of the Johnson Colwell farm and 40 acres of another party, making a total of 212 acres, a large portion of which has been cleared and put under cultivation by Mr. Grove himself. He devotes his entire attention to the management of his property, raising grain and stock, making a feature of hogs and also of fine cattle.

Politically Mr. Grove is a Republican. In 1863 he was a member of the Ohio National Guard and when they were called into the service he assisted in chasing Morgan across the border. In 1864 he enlisted in Company H, 155th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Colonel Sage and Capt. John D. Mundell, and was out four months. During this time the company participated in no engagements but had long marches and considerable hardship, traveling through Virginia and North Carolina. Mr. Grove was finally discharged at Camp Dennison. Since then he has led a quiet home life, devoted to his business and taking much pleasure in his brother's little children. He is a man very well known and very highly regarded in the community.

Mr. Grove's handsome home presents a fine appearance on Goosepond turnpike, the substantial character of the buildings and their trim surroundings being very attractive. His property is nine and a half miles from Circleville and six miles from Ashville.

JOSEPH CLARK TIMMONS, a successful farmer and extensive stock-raiser of Perry township, who owns 224 acres of excellent farming land, situated on the Circleville turnpike, was born October 1, 1862, on the old Timmons home farm, which is situated just across the road from his present home. His parents were Benjamin and Marian Gladstone (Templin) Timmons.

The Timmons family was founded in this section by Stephen A. Timmons, the paternal grandfather, who was a native of Maryland

and a Methodist preacher. At a very early day he settled in Ross County, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his life, acquiring land both in Ross and Pickaway counties. The family still possesses the government patent issued to Stephen A. Timmons, for 1,600 acres of land. The children of Stephen A. Timmons and Lucretia, his first wife, were: Wesley, Thomas, Frank and Prior, the last named of whom was imprisoned at Libby Prison during the Civil War and was never again heard from. The children of Stephen A. Timmons and his second wife, Lydia Comiford were: Benjamin; Joseph, who died from wounds received at the battle of Gettysburg; William, who moved to Indiana and died in Greene County; James Finley, who lives at Kansas City; and Jennie, also a resident of Kansas City, who is the wife of George Betts.

Benjamin Timmons was born near Greenland, Ross County, Ohio, and moved to Perry township, Pickaway County, after his marriage, settling on the Circleville turnpike, where his son, James T. Timmons, now resides. He lived almost continuously here on his farm of 180 acres until 1886, and also owned 90 acres in Ross County. He died July 19, 1893, at Clarksburg and was buried from Brown's Chapel. He married Marian Gladstone Templin, of Ross County, who was a daughter of James and Mary (Alick) Templin. She now resides at New Holland, Ohio, and is in her 64th year. Through the Alick side of the family, Mr. Timmons is closely related to that distinguished English statesman and man of letters, William E. Gladstone, whose services reflected such glory on the reign of the late Queen Victoria. The children of Benjamin Timmons and wife were: Harrison Edgar, who resides at Eagle Mills, Vinton County, Ohio; Mary A., wife of D. G. Shiflett, of Meads-ville, Missouri; James T., who resides across the road from our subject; Joseph Clark, of this sketch; Samuel, who died in childhood; Stephen A., who is a farmer in Missouri; Gladstone; Ella F., who married Elmer Peck and resides in Deer Creek township; and Lu-etta, who is the wife of Aden Dick, of Mount Sterling, Ohio.

Joseph Clark Timmons was reared on the

home farm, where he remained until he was 26 years old, obtaining his education in the meantime in the district schools. After his marriage, he located on his present fine farm of 224 acres, where he has continued general farming and stock-raising ever since. He raises many excellent draft horses and a large number of hogs. He pays much attention to cattle and his herds compare favorably with any in the neighborhood. He carries on farming along modern lines, intelligently taking advantage of new methods and utilizing the best kinds of machinery and has the reputation of getting from his land the very best it will produce.

Mr. Timmons was married October 13, 1887, to Emily Becker, who was born at Cincinnati and is a daughter of Julius and Louisa (Ernst) Becker. Her father was born in Germany and came in young manhood to America, locating at Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked at his trade of saddler. He there married and later, with his wife, removed to Cincinnati, which city was his wife's native place. He died aged 39 years and was interred at Pomeroy, Ohio. The mother of Mrs. Timmons still survives and resides in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Becker had these children: Addie, widow of L. H. Morgan; Charles; Rose (Hamilton); Mary, deceased; and Emma (Timmons).

Mr. and Mrs. Timmons have had these children: Benjamin Arthur; Juanita Grace; Lora; Glen, who died in infancy; Frances; Lillian; Mildred and Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Timmons are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Holland. They reside in a beautiful, modern home, which Mr. Timmons built in 1903, one which for comfort and convenience cannot be excelled in the county. It is piped all through with both hard and soft water and is lighted by an acetylene gas system. With all the pleasures of rural surroundings, Mr. Timmons and family are thus enabled to enjoy city comforts.

Politically Mr. Timmons is a Republican. He has served as cemetery trustee. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at New Holland.

JOHN COCHRAN O'HARRA, who successfully operates a farm of 162 acres, situated in Scioto township, is one of the honored survivors of the Civil War, in which he was an officer, receiving promotions on account of personal valor. Mr. O'Harra was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 11, 1836, and is a son of Hugh and Ann (Corn) O'Harra.

The O'Harra family is probably of Irish extraction, but it has been established in America for a number of generations. John O'Harra, the grandfather, was born in Virginia, was an early settler in Franklin County, Ohio, and during the War of 1812 he conducted a hotel at Franklinton. His son, Hugh O'Harra, was born in Virginia, in 1798, and was but a child when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. Hugh O'Harra died in 1856, at the age of 58 years, his mother having preceded him in 1852.

The children of Hugh O'Harra and wife were: Margaret, born in 1833; Priscilla, who died young; John C., of this sketch; Hugh, deceased; Mary E., a resident of Lockbourne, Ohio; Melissa Jane, of Franklin County, Ohio; William H. and Elias T., both deceased; Thomas J., of Findlay, Ohio; and Gustavus, who died in childhood.

John C. O'Harra enjoyed such educational advantages as were afforded by the district schools of his native township. He had assisted his father on the farm until the latter's death in 1856 and continued farming until the outbreak of the Civil War. Mr. O'Harra, who was among the first farmers of this township to offer his services to his country, enlisted in Company E, First Reg., Ohio Vol. Cav., which was organized at Circleville, August 8, 1861. The officers were Capt. B. B. Eggleston and Colonel Ransom.

The First Regiment left Camp Chase in December, 1861, for Louisville, Kentucky. It went from there to Nashville, Tennessee, and from then on Mr. O'Harra participated in nearly all the engagements in which the Army of the Cumberland was concerned. The list is a long one and the annals of the Civil War tell a tale of its accomplishments. The first

engagement of Mr. O'Harra's company was at Liberty, Kentucky, in January, 1862, and the record continues: Siege of Corinth, April and May, 1862; Farmington, Mississippi, May 28, 1862; Booneville, Mississippi, May 30, 1862; Black Land, Mississippi, June 4, 1862; Russellville, Alabama, July 1, 1862; Courtland, Alabama, July 25, 1862; Bardstown, Kentucky, October 4, 1862; Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862; Franklin, Tennessee, December 12, 1862; Nolensville, December 26, 1862; Stone River, Tennessee, December 31, 1862; January 1, 1863; Tullahoma, Tennessee, July 1, 1863; Elk River, Tennessee, July 2, 1863; Alpine, Georgia, September 11, 1863; Chickamauga, September 19 and 20, 1863; Wheeler's raid through Tennessee, from October 1 to 9, 1863; Cottonport, Tennessee, September 30, 1863; McMinnville, Tennessee, October 4, 1863; Murfreesboro, Tennessee, October 5, 1863; Shelbyville, October 7, 1863; Farmington, Tennessee, October 9, 1863; Paint Rock, Alabama, October 30, 1863; Mission Ridge, Tennessee, November 25, 1863; Cleveland, Tennessee, November 27, 1863; Charleston, December 28, 1863; Tunnell Hill, Georgia, February 25, 1864; Buzzard's Roost, February 27, 1864; Decatur, Alabama, May 26, 1864; Moulton, Alabama, May 29, 1864; McAfee's Cross Roads, Georgia, June 12, 1864; Noonday Creek, June 15, 1864; Kennesaw Mountain, June 12, 1864; Chattahoochee River, July 12, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, July 19 and 20, 1864; Atlanta, Georgia, July and August, 1864; Kilpatrick's raid around Atlanta, from August 18 to 22, 1864; Fairburn, Georgia, August 19, 1864; Jonesboro, Georgia, August 19, 1864; Lovejoy's Station, August 20, 1864; Rome, Georgia, October 13, 1864; Smoke Creek Gap, October 15, 1864; Little River, Georgia, October 20, 1864; Coosa River, October 25, 1864; Wilson's raid through Alabama and Georgia, March and April, 1865; Montevallo, Alabama, March 20, 1865; Ebenezer Church, April 1, 1865; Montgomery, Alabama, April 12, 1865; Columbus, Georgia, April 16, 1865; West Point, Georgia, April 16, 1865; surrender of Macon, Georgia, April 20, 1865; Ir-



MR. AND MRS. ELAM FLETCHER KNEISLEY.

winville, Georgia, and the capture of Jefferson Davis, May 10, 1865.

A consideration of the above remarkable record will show that during the whole term of his service Mr. O'Harra was in daily danger and that he should have escaped injury is a matter to marvel at. Once, at Perryville, a spent ball struck him, and on another occasion one passed on its swift way through his coat, but he was able to return to his home and the paths of peace, entirely unharmed. He was the witness of many historical events and vividly recalls the capture of the President of the Confederacy. The value set upon his faithful performance of duty was shown in his promotions, in one year having held commissions as 2nd lieutenant, 1st lieutenant and captain. After a service covering three years and three months, Mr. O'Harra was mustered out under Order No. 75, at Louisville, Kentucky, on November 25, 1864.

After the close of the war, Mr. O'Harra returned to Pickaway County, Ohio, and resumed farming, an occupation he has followed to the present time. After his marriage, in 1871, he continued to farm in Harrison township, Pickaway County, until 1884, in which year he removed to Scioto township, taking charge of the farm he has operated ever since. He devotes it to corn, wheat, oats, and hay and to the raising of cattle, horses and hogs.

On January 26, 1871, Mr. O'Harra was united in marriage with Amanda Poland, a daughter of John Poland, of Hocking County, Ohio. Four children were born to this union, the three survivors, all of whom have married and have domestic ties of their own, being: Hattie Leonora, who married James P. Coe, resides in Union County, Ohio, and has one child—Olive; Cora May, who married Key Reed, a prominent farmer of Scioto township; and John Leonard, a resident of Commercial Point, Scioto township, married Mary Goebel and has one daughter—Eva Elizabeth.

Mr. O'Harra has been a lifelong Republican and has taken a good citizen's interest in the affairs of the country at large and has always, to the best of his ability, promoted laudable enterprises at home, especially those

directed to the improvement of agricultural conditions. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and enjoys the reunions of this organization, where old comrades are greeted, old battles are re-fought and won and the brave deeds of the living and dead are recalled. He is a well-known and highly respected citizen and in the evening of life is able to enjoy many of the comforts which, unaided, he has won in peaceful pursuits.

ELAM FLETCHER KNEISLEY, who, as farmer and educator, is one of the best known men of Muhlenberg township, now operates the stock farm of J. M. Lunbeck, of Chillicothe, which is a finely-cultivated tract of 431 acres largely located along Darby Creek. He was born near Bainbridge, Pike County, Ohio, on October 9, 1862, and is a son of Joseph and Isabelle (Watt) Kneisley.

The parents of Mr. Kneisley were natives of Pike County, Ohio, and later residents of Fayette County, where the father died in 1893, aged 70 years. The mother, who has reached her 78th year, is a resident of Jasper Mills, Ohio. Joseph Kneisley was a soldier in the Civil War and accompanied Gen. W. T. Sherman on the memorable "March to the Sea." During peaceful times he was a farmer. His 10 children were: Ellen, wife of William Vince, of Jasper Mills, Ohio; Albert C., for 10 years a teacher in Fayette County, now owning and operating a fine farm; Elam Fletcher, of this sketch; J. Allen, of Jasper Mills, Ohio; Mary (widow of J. D. Lynch), who makes her home with her aged mother at Jasper Mills; Elizabeth, wife of C. C. Creamer, of Fayette County; and three sons and one daughter who died in infancy.

Our subject was 10 years old when his parents moved to a farm near Jasper Mills, and was a resident of Fayette County until 1900, when he took charge of the farm he now operates, which was originally the old home farm of Josiah Renick. It is a very picturesque place, consisting of both high and low land,

300 acres of the farm lying in the first bottom of Darby Creek. The fine old residence stands on a gentle eminence which gives an outlook over a wide extent of beautiful country. There are eight never-failing springs on this farm and this makes it especially well fitted as a stock farm. All kinds of stock are raised here, including horses, Shorthorn cattle and hogs, but a specialty is made of Poland China swine. At present Mr. Kneisley has over 300 head of hogs, 100 of these being registered, and some 22 head of horses. His herd of cattle include a large per cent. of registered Shorthorns. It is considered one of the best farms in the county. Mr. Kneisley invested \$1,800 in improvements last year.

After completing the common-school course, Mr. Kneisley, in early manhood, entered the scientific department of Northwestern University and continued a student there until he was attacked with illness when within 16 weeks of graduation. After recovery he did not return, having been offered a fine position as a teacher. Although from 1883 until 1900 Mr. Kneisley engaged in teaching and literary pursuits, he always kept a little in touch with agricultural operations, having had a natural inclination in this direction. He taught school for seven years in various districts of the county, and for two years was superintendent in the Staunton public schools, for four years was a teacher in the High School at Washington Court House, and had other important positions. In the meantime he studied both medicine and law and had he not been called to look after his parents, who were then in failing health, he might have continued his legal studies and been admitted to the bar.

On November 24, 1887, Mr. Kneisley was married to Eliza J. Brown, who was born near New Holland in Fayette County, and is a daughter of James and Jane (Cook) Brown, who were pioneers in that County. They have three sons, viz.: Herbert Brown, who is a graduate of the township high school; and Joseph Howard and James Fletcher, who are students in the township high school. They are all bright, intelligent young men, who show appreciation of the excellent advantages af-

forded them. Both parents having been successful teachers, they find much encouragement at home.

Politically Mr. Kneisley has always been an active supporter of the Republican party. He is now serving as one of the trustees of Muhlenberg township; he formerly held office in Fayette County. A group picture of the Kneisley family accompanies this sketch.



JOHN P. NOECKER, a well-known citizen of Madison township, settled north of and near St. Paul, residing on his well-cultivated home farm of 147 acres, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 5, 1850, and is a son of Henry and Maria (Kroninger) Noecker.


Henry Noecker was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in young manhood, settling in Walnut township, where his long and useful life was spent. Of his children, these survive: Sylvester and Nathan, both residents of Piatt County, Illinois; Henry H., of Barnes, Kansas; John P., of this sketch; Daniel, of Indiana; and Mary, wife of Emanuel Berger, of Walnut township. Both Henry Noecker and his wife have passed away. They were kind, generous, honorable people and those who knew them as neighbors unite with those of the domestic circle in recalling pleasant memories of them both. In politics Henry Noecker was affiliated with the Republican party. Both he and his worthy wife were among the founders of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Madison township.

John P. Noecker was reared in Walnut township and obtained his education in the public schools. His life has been mainly devoted to farming and stock-raising. He owns a large amount of valuable property consisting of two farms; one of these being the home place and the other—143 acres of fine land in Walnut township—on which his eldest son resides. Mr. Noecker is a successful agriculturist and the pride he takes in his property is shown in its fine appearance. Madison

township has few more productive farms than his.

On October 16, 1874, Mr. Noecker was married to Sarah C. Baum, who was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 30, 1851, and is a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Roof) Baum, the former a native of Pickaway County and the latter, of Maryland. Mrs. Baum died in 1900, but Mr. Baum still survives, being one of the most venerable of the early citizens of Madison township. His father, Christian Baum, came here as a pioneer from Pennsylvania, when savage beasts and Indians still roamed through the forests. Mr. Baum is one of the oldest members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Noecker have two sons—Clarence B., of Walnut township, and Howard H., who manages the home farm. The family lived in Walnut township until 1896, having prior to that lived in Harrison township. Since 1896 the home has been in Madison township. They are well known over a large part of the county and their friends are legion. Both are consistent members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Noecker is a deacon, an office he has faithfully filled for years. In politics he is a Republican.

AMUEL H. HOLLIDAY, one of Muhlenberg township's successful agriculturists, who operates a farm of 204 acres in one of the best portions of the township, was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, July 11, 1855, and is a son of George P. and Alice (Hudson) Holliday.


George P. Holliday was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and came to Pickaway County in 1849, accompanied by his wife and three children. This was his second trip here as he had made a prospecting one at an earlier date, covering the whole distance on foot with the exception of a short distance when he rode on a canal boat. After working as a farm hand for one year, he went back for his family and returned, this time in a comfortable wagon. The remainder of his life was passed here, his death taking place

on October 17, 1891, at the age of 78 years. He married Alice Hudson, who was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, January 6, 1816, and died in Pickaway County, Ohio, October 25, 1896. They had these children: William and Louis, both deceased; Betsey, residing with our subject; Joseph, of Indiana; George, of Circleville; Richard, of Ashville; Nancy (Dornsife), of Circleville; Mathew, deceased; Samuel H., of this sketch; and two babes that died in infancy.

Samuel H. Holliday remained with his parents until his marriage and they spent their last years with him. Mr. Holliday has devoted his whole life to farming and enjoys the reputation of being a thorough-going, practical and successful agriculturist. He rents the 204-acre farm of Stephen Miller, paying the rent in grain and stocking the land himself. Every evidence in sight goes to show that the land is carefully cultivated and made to produce to the limit of its capacity.

On June 17, 1879, Mr. Holliday was married to Ada Bethard, who was born at Darbyville, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 30, 1861, and is a daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Plumber) Bethard, the former of whom was born at Darbyville and the latter at Yellow Bud, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Holliday have had seven children, as follows: Alice Edna, Della Caroline, William Hadley, Elizabeth Leona, Arthur Stephen (who died aged 10 years and 10 months), Thomas Miesse and Noah Ned.

In politics Mr. Holliday has been a lifelong Democrat but he does not seek office, his preference being the cultivation of the soil, the raising of stock, the education of his children and the careful promotion of their best welfare. He votes as becomes a good citizen, but leaves the cares of office to others.

ILLIAM THRAILKILL, who owns 258 acres of fertile farming land, situated in what is now known as Scioto township, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, and is a son of Toliver and Elizabeth (Kios) Thrailkill.

Toliver Thrailkill was born in Muskingum County, Ohio. He was one of a large family, some of the members being: Elijah, who married Susan Weekly—both now deceased; Cyrus, who died in young manhood; John, deceased; Elizabeth, who married Adam Hennis—both now deceased; Lucinda (Carnes); and Toliver, who was the second son. The father of this family died from injuries received in the construction of the first bridge built at Zanesville, Ohio. Toliver Thrailkill settled in Franklin County, Ohio, when 22 years of age. He married Elizabeth Kios, who was born on the Scioto River and was a daughter of Henry Kios. She had two brothers—William and Miles, both of whom are deceased—and four sisters, namely: Mary, deceased; Christine, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Haughn; Catherine, wife of Samuel Morris, of Franklin County; and Nancy, who married Peter Lingby, of Illinois. The mother of our subject was the eldest of the family. The children of Toliver and Elizabeth (Kios) Thrailkill were: George H., who married Emma Burke; Marshall E., who married Laura Haughn; Frances, who married James V. Fuller; Clara, who married Frank Ditrick; Adam, who died in infancy; Oma, who married Britt Strader; and William, who was the second eldest in the family.

William Thrailkill accompanied his father from Franklin to Pickaway County and settled on his father's farm in 1882. On November 12, 1884, he was united in marriage with Alice Rush, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 20, 1858, and is a daughter of Francis N. and Matilda (Rayn) Rush. The father of Mrs. Thrailkill was a son of Francis and Nancy Rush, natives of Virginia. Her mother is a daughter of John and Huldah Rayn, of Maryland. Francis N. Rush died in 1886, and his wife in 1899. They had one daughter—Mrs. Thrailkill—and three sons, viz.: Austin, who married Martha W. Mitchell; Homer Virgil, who married Caroline Maris; and Eugene B., who married Emma Mundell.

The first year of their wedded life was passed by Mr. and Mrs. William Thrailkill

on the former's father's farm, following which Mr. Thrailkill rented a farm of E. W. Gibson, at Commercial Point. In the spring of 1887 they removed to the present home farm, of 176 acres, which was a part of Mrs. Thrailkill's father's estate. Later Mr. Thrailkill purchased 82 acres, which farm is situated on the King's Church new road. This land, known as the Buckley farm, he bought from A. R. Brown. Mr. Thrailkill has made extensive improvements on both his properties. The family residence is a comfortable, seven-room dwelling, which is surrounded by a neat lawn, the whole enclosed by a fine iron fence and presenting a most attractive appearance. In the near distance can be seen the large barn, indicative of extensive agricultural operations, while a modern windmill provides an abundance of clear, cold water. In every respect this is an ideal rural home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thrailkill have one son, Frederick, who was born August 23, 1888, and is one of the promising students at the Commercial Point High School.

Mr. Thrailkill takes only a moderate interest in political matters. He is interested in local affairs, especially in educational matters and has served as school director. The greater part of his time is devoted to his farm. For some years he has made the breeding of choice poultry a feature and his collection of Plymouth Rocks, Black Spanish and White Leghorn fowls is very valuable.



ALTER NEWTON McCoy, one of Williamsport's most successful business men, is head of the firm of W. N. McCoy & Company, which carries on an extensive furniture and undertaking business. Occupying one of the most desirable business blocks in the town, they carry a complete line of furniture and make a good display of their goods. Mr. McCoy was born in New Holland, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 23, 1878, and is a son of Joseph D. and Irene (Haggard) McCoy.

Joseph D. McCoy was born in Blooms-

burg, Ohio, and removed to Frankfort with his father, who had the distinction of making the first steel plow in this part of the country. Joseph D. McCoy, who is now located at Frankfort, is engaged in the manufacture of wagons and buggies and does a general blacksmithing business. His vehicles have an established reputation in this part of Ohio. He married Irene Haggard, who was born in Frankfort in the house in which she now lives, which house was built by her father, Solomon Haggard. Three children were born to this union: Walter Newton, our subject; Lucy, who lives at home; and Mary, who died in infancy.

Walter N. McCoy was about six or eight months old when his parents returned to Frankfort, where they remained a year and a half. They then located at Washington Court House, Ohio, for about 12 years, after which they again returned to Frankfort, Ohio. He then worked in the establishment of his father, in manufacturing buggies and blacksmithing. It was while thus engaged that he drifted into the undertaking business, assisting Thomas Irving. He continued at this business some four years prior to his removal to Williamsport. He came here in 1901, on January 4th of this year, becoming junior member of the firm of Murray & McCoy, furniture dealers and undertakers. In September of the same year he purchased Mr. Murray's interest and the business has since been conducted by W. N. McCoy & Company, the firm being composed of Mr. McCoy and his wife. Mr. McCoy has attended a number of institutions in order to perfect himself in his profession, among them being the Clarke Cincinnati College of Embalming; Eckel's Philadelphia Training School of Embalming, and Myers' College of Embalming at Columbus. In 1902 he was granted a license by the State. He is a member of the Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' Association of Ohio.

Mr. McCoy was married July 19, 1899, to Mary V. Cory, a native of Frankfort, Ohio, and a daughter of O. A. and Ella B. Cory. Her father is a prominent man of affairs. Mr. McCoy is a Republican in politics and is serv-

ing as councilman. Fraternally he is connected with Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M.; Williamsport Lodge, No. 478, K. of P.; Winifred Temple, No. 219, Rathbone Sisters, at Williamsport; and Camp No. 4475, M. W. of A., at Williamsport. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



MILTON FRANKLIN MAY, whose reputation as an excellent farmer and successful stock-raiser extends all over and beyond Muhlenberg township, justifies this favorable opinion in his capable management of a farm of 426 acres. Mr. May belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Pickaway County and was born April 1, 1867, on the May homestead, in Walnut township, Pickaway County. His parents were George J. and Mary (Heim) May.

Mr. May comes of French and German ancestry. His grandparents were John A. and Magdalena (Rohrer) May, the former of whom was a native of Loudoun County, Virginia, and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. On the maternal side the great-grandfather was a native of Germany and an early settler in Maryland. The family was founded in Ohio in 1836 by John A. May, who settled in Walnut township, Pickaway County, when the country was still a complete wilderness. Since then the May family has been intimately identified with the progress and development of Pickaway County. John A. May lived until 1887, leaving behind him a good name and a fine estate which he had wrested from the dense forest which surrounded his little log cabin for years after he had settled here.

George J. May, father of Milton Franklin May, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, June 1, 1832, and still survives, residing on his farm near East Ringgold. He was four years old when his parents came to Pickaway County, where he has spent his long and useful life. He was united in marriage with Mary Heim on March 21, 1858. She was born in

Pickaway County, Ohio, July 31, 1840, a daughter of John and Susanna Heim. They were very early settlers in Walnut township and at death left a comfortable estate. Mrs. May died November 12, 1898, at East Ringgold. The children of George J. May and wife were: William, John L., Nelson H., Milton Franklin, Calvin M. and Lyman. Mr. May is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church and has long been one of the trustees. In politics he is a Republican.

Milton Franklin May was reared in Walnut township and attended the common schools. Until he reached his majority, he remained at home assisting his father, and then started into business in partnership with his brother, John L. May. They embarked in a grocery business at East Ringgold, which they continued for four years under the firm name of May Brothers. John L. May then bought our subject's interest and the latter returned to the management of the homestead farm, where he remained for three years. Then he embarked on his own account in a grocery business at Circleville and continued there until he rented the large farm which he so ably manages. This property belongs to Mrs. Ida L. Rife. Mr. May operates it as a grain and stock farm, working it on shares. He has done his own stocking and owns some 40 head of cattle, 100 hogs and 50 head of sheep. He does not breed horses but uses some 14 in the operation of this large body of land.

On November 28, 1889, Mr. May was married to Carrie Rife, who was born July 9, 1868, in Pickaway County, and is a daughter of John and Miranda (Minshall) Rife. John Rife was a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, while his wife was born in Ross County, Ohio. Jacob Rife, father of John, was from Pennsylvania and settled in Fairfield County at an early day. William Gilmore Minshall, grandfather of Mrs. May, was born in Virginia and came to Ross County, Ohio, with his parents when only one year old. He married Elizabeth Jones, of Ross County, Ohio. John Rife and wife had seven children, as follows: Alice; John E., a contractor at Columbus; Charles M., a grain dealer at Circleville; Carrie, wife

of our subject; Cora, wife of W. L. Wells, of Columbus; Samuel Tilden, a farmer of Circleville township; and Emanuel J., a resident of Ashville, Ohio. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. May, as follows: Tracy R., Clyde F., Ida A., Mary M., Grace C., Georgie M. and Kenneth M.

In political sentiment, Mr. May is a Republican. He has been a member of the School Board of Muhlenberg township for the past five years and for two years has been its president. He is a leading member of his party here and has served four years as a member of the Republican County Central Committee. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America.



WILLIAM COLBOURN ADKINS, a prosperous farmer of Monroe township, who is operating the farm of W. M. Heath, of Mount Sterling, owns a farm of 105 acres, which is also located in Monroe township. Mr. Adkins was born January 3, 1873, in Fayette County, Ohio, and is a son of Leonard and Ellen (Clariadge) Adkins.

The Adkins family was established in Ohio in the time of the great-grandfather of our subject, Stanton Adkins, who came from Virginia and died in Monroe township, Pickaway County, many years later. He purchased a farm in the vicinity of Mount Sterling and another large tract of land near Five Points. He was the father of 20 children, one of whom was Elijah, who became our subject's grandfather.

Elijah Adkins was born on his father's farm in Monroe township. He married Nellie Adkins, who so far as known was not a relative, and they had these children: Leonard, Amelia, Kendall M., Susan, Alice and Marion. Elijah Adkins was a well-known man throughout Pickaway County. He ran a livery stable at Mount Sterling and he also operated a mill. He was one of the pioneer mail carriers and made the trip from Mount Sterling to Circleville and Washington Court House and back

to Mount Sterling and then to Columbus, on horseback. The greater part of his life was spent at Mount Sterling.

Leonard Adkins, father of William C. Adkins, was born at Mount Sterling and attended school there, assisting his father, as he grew older, in carrying the mails. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, and after three months of service returned to his father's farm in Monroe township. Later he re-enlisted and served with the rank of 1st lieutenant until the close of the war. He took part in many important engagements but survived all dangers and returned safely to the old farm. He had married after his first return from the army, and now he and his wife took up their residence on the home place and remained until after the birth of two children—Maggie and Flora. The former married Elmer Beal and they live in Madison County. The latter died in 1901.

Leonard Adkins then settled on the William Jones farm in Monroe township and while the family lived there, one daughter was born, Emma, who married Harvey Keller and lives in Fayette County. Later the family removed to the Isaac Moor farm in Fayette County, and there three children were born, namely: William C., of this sketch; Anna, who married Smith Dennis and lives at Detroit, Michigan; and Omer, who resides at Columbus. Leonard Adkins then settled on his farm of 124½ acres in Monroe township, which he had bought five years previously, where both he and wife still reside, most highly esteemed residents of the locality. Two children were born to them: Lora H., who married Johnnie Davis and lives in Darby township; and Ross, who lives at home with his parents.

William C. Adkins has been an agriculturist all his life. After reaching man's estate, he was united in marriage with Emma Owen, a daughter of Frederick and Mary A. (Davis) Owen, the former of whom is a veteran of the Civil War and a prominent citizen of Monroe township.

Frederick Owen was born on his father's farm in Marion County, Ohio, in May, 1843, and is a son of Jesse and Barbara (Hoffman)

Owen, who were early settlers in Ohio. The father of Mr. Owen was a farmer and also a carpenter. He died in Marion County, when Frederick was four years of age. In the following year, with his mother and four brothers, Frederick Owen came to Pickaway County, settling in Muhlenberg township, with his mother's parents. After their death, he and his mother lived at Darbyville and there she died and he became a member of the family of Joseph Merrill, for whom he continued to work for his board and clothing until he was 19 years of age, when he entered the army.

The date of Mr. Owen's enlistment was July 19, 1862. He served as a private in the 90th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., from that date until the close of the war, being discharged on June 16, 1865. Mr. Owen participated in many serious battles, including Stone River, Chickamauga, Nashville and Atlanta, and being so often at the post of danger he did not altogether escape injury. He suffered a bullet wound in his right leg which confined him to a hospital for three months.

At the close of the war, after receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Owen returned to Pickaway County and worked for William Davis, who had married his cousin, and made his home with Mr. Davis until his marriage, which took place on September 9, 1868, to Mary A. Davis, who was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Davis. A few years later, Mr. Owen purchased his first farm, a tract of 102½ acres, paying \$55 per acre for the same, and with his family moved into the log house that stood on the property. Soon after, he added 50 acres more and still later bought the farm on which he now lives, which has been the family home since 1886. He owns 540 acres of land in all, the greater part of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen have had eight children, namely: Amanda, who married Smiley Hughes and at her death left two children—Sylvia and Mabel; Sarah Jane, deceased, who was the wife of D. M. Hampsheer; George W., deceased; Millard F., a twin brother of George W., deceased in July, 1905; Roscoe, deceased at the age of three years; Emma, who

is the wife of the subject of this sketch; John W., who married Theo Glasskell and lives in Monroe township; and Bessie, who married Roy McCoy, of Fayette County, and lives on a farm adjoining that of her father.

After marriage, our subject and wife started to keep house on the farm of William Wolfe, in Monroe township, where they remained for one year and then removed to the farm of Leo Evans. Mr. Adkins operated that farm for three years and then moved to the Van Buskirk farm, which he managed for 14 months. He then rented the farm on which he resides. It is a tract of 101 acres, on the Clark's Run road, which belongs to W. M. Heath, of Mount Sterling. Mr. Adkins also has a farm of 105 acres which he devotes to general farming and the grazing of cattle. This property was given Mr. and Mrs. Adkins by Mr. Owen, his father-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins have had two children, Frederick and Leafa. The former was born November 25, 1894, and died July 1, 1902. The latter was born May 29, 1896, and is a bright little maiden at school. Mr. Adkins has served in numerous township offices, has been supervisor for two terms and a member of the School Board for two years. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity. With his wife he is a member of the Christian Church at Five Points. The family and its connections are among the most highly esteemed citizens of Monroe township.

DAVID HALL, one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of Madison township, residing on his fine farm of 120 acres, was born in this township on February 28, 1865, and is a son of Peter and Lavina (Solt) Hall.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, David Hall, was born in Pennsylvania and accompanied his parents to Pickaway County, Ohio. He was reared in Madison township, but after his marriage removed to Walnut township and developed a fine farm. Both parents of our subject were born and reared in Pickaway County.

David Hall grew to manhood on his father's farm in Madison township, the family having settled here in his boyhood. He attended the public schools for some years and then enjoyed the advantages offered at the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, for a time, but ever since completing his education he has been engaged exclusively in agricultural efforts. He owns a large amount of excellent land, consisting of the farm above mentioned and another which contains 121½ acres. The latter he rents.

In 1889 Mr. Hall was married to Hattie Wilson, who is a daughter of the late John Wilson, of Madison township, and they have two sons, Clarence D., who was born June 16, 1896, and Robert R., who was born February 28, 1899.

Mr. Hall is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He is one of the leading members of Trinity Lutheran Church, at Marcy. He is one of the township's reliable, honorable men and a thoroughly representative citizen.

JOSEPH W. SCHLEICH, who has a fine, well-improved farm of 182 acres, which is situated in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, July 20, 1864, and is a son of William C. and Margaret (Work) Schleich.

The parents of Mr. Schleich removed from Fairfield to Pickaway County in 1876, locating in Monroe township, where the father purchased a farm. William C. Schleich died on this farm on October 8, 1879, leaving a family of five children.

Joseph W. Schleich remained on the home place in Monroe township until 1896, when he bought what was known as the Manley place, in Deer Creek township. This farm is well adapted to farming and stock-raising and, since Mr. Schleich has completed his many improvements, is very valuable. One of these improvements was the erection of a substantial residence to take the place of the old Manley home, which was erected 90 years ago and is still standing. Mr. Schleich will utilize the



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old house for other purposes than a residence, having occupied the new one since 1903.

In 1893 Mr. Schleich was married to Nettie Tarbill, who was born in Deer Creek township, and is a daughter of Wesley and Nancy (Grimes) Tarbill, residents of Deer Creek township. One son has been born to this marriage, Charles Wesley.

Politically Mr. Schleich is a Democrat. He takes considerable interest in township affairs and has served as school director. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.



CHRISTOPHER C. HANAWALT, whose fine farm of 202 acres, all in one body, is situated on the Foster road in Monroe township, belongs to one of the pioneer families of

Ohio and lives on land which was settled on by his maternal grandfather when all this country was the abode only of wild beasts and Indians. Mr. Hanawalt was born on this farm, on March 10, 1853, and is a son of Christopher and Rebecca (Corry) Hanawalt.

The story of the development of any new section has much to interest any true lover of his country, and it is both pleasant and profitable to recall the efforts of the indomitable pioneers who, through their courage and industry, converted this beautiful part of Ohio into the land of peace and prosperity which is exemplified on every side. The Hanawalt family originated in Germany, where Henry Hanawalt, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born and married. As his family increased, he was led to think of establishing a home across the Atlantic, where many of his countrymen had found comfortable homes awaiting their industry and where conditions were less difficult than in Germany at that time. The Hanawalts came to Ohio and settled in Ross County, and there with German thrift they prospered until the father was accidentally drowned in Paint Creek. He had a numerous family but all the names preserved to us are: Samuel, George, John and Christopher.

Christopher Hanawalt was born in Ross County, Ohio, and his boyhood and youth passed as do those of children who are early bereft of a father. That he grew into an exemplary young man is sufficiently proved by the fact that his father-in-law, Stephen Corry, so highly thought of him and had such confidence in his ability and honesty, as to will him one of his most valuable farms, this being the property on which our subject now resides. To the original tract Christopher Hanawalt added, until he owned 202 acres. His death occurred October 30, 1869. He married Rebecca Corry, who was born in Ross County and was a daughter of Stephen and Rhoda Corry.

Stephen Corry was a very early pioneer in Ross County, Ohio. He came to America from England with his wife and two brothers, and settled first on the present site of the newer portions of Chillicothe. Here he cleared a number of acres of land, which he later exchanged for 300 acres in what is now Frankfort. Mr. Corry assisted in building many of the early homes in Chillicothe, many of these being of logs, and he nailed on the first clapboard roof ever used in that city. When he removed his family to Frankfort, the trip was made in an ox cart, through an almost unbroken forest. It was partly the result of an obstruction in the path that caused the Corry family to locate just where they did. A great elm tree had been blown down and when Mr. Corry saw that it would furnish sufficient bark with which to construct a shanty that would provide shelter for the night, he hastened to utilize the building material at hand and that night the family slept under a roof. The light of the morning showed the location a desirable one and Mr. Corry decided that it would be unnecessary to go further and began to make preparations to establish here a permanent home.

The whole extent of this sketch might be filled with interesting incidents relative to the establishing of this pioneer home, including visits of many curious but not otherwise offensive Indians, while the father was on a trip to the distant mill, and the unwelcome visits

to the bark shanty at night of hungry wolves that came out of the forest when the father's musket slaughtered a deer. The family records speak very kindly of the Indians, who at the time of Mr. Corry's settlement were very numerous. This may be explained by his attitude to them, for he learned their language and always dealt fairly and kindly with them. They appreciated this generous treatment by the white man and returned it. In this connection may be repeated a touching little story that Mr. Corry used to tell. Some 15 years after he had settled on his farm, when an Indian was an unusual sight, Mr. Corry met a solitary warrior one day in the woods. At his invitation he sat down on a log and as their conversation on the past was carried on, the Indian kept asking Mr. Corry continually to "move over" until at length, when the end of the log was reached, Mr. Corry protested, saying: "I am at the end of the log and there is no more place for me to rest." The Indian sadly replied: "That is just the position you whites have placed the Indians in, by making us keep moving."

The time came when Mr. Corry replaced the bark hut with a fine brick residence, which now stands on the Westfall road. Here he and his wife died. The old home is occupied by the younger daughter, Huldah, who is now 85 years of age and is the widow of Richard Johnson. The children of Stephen Corry and wife were: William and Thomas, who were born before the family settled on the farm; Sarah, Sallie, Bettie, Isaac, Levi, Rebecca and Huldah. Mr. Corry owned a great deal of land and the farm in Monroe township, Pickaway County, he bought from an earlier settler, a Mr. Maddock.

Christopher and Rebecca (Corry) Hanawalt had the following children: Rhoda Jane, born April 20, 1833, who died March 31, 1886, the same year as her mother; Stephen Henry, born October 3, 1835, who married Mary Cheetham and died October 30, 1865; Mary A., born July 17, 1839, who lives with our subject; Huldah E., born October 26, 1838, who is the widow of I. N. Fisher and lives in Monroe township; Levi T., born Jan-

uary 9, 1841, who married Retta Adams, now deceased; Nancy C., born February 12, 1844, who married Samuel Maddox, and died March 10, 1875, on the birthday of our subject; William, born December 10, 1845, who died December 13, 1845; Sarah M., born December 17, 1846, who died October 17, 1847; Rebecca, born March 6, 1851, who resides with our subject; Christopher C.; Isaac, born April 12, 1854, who died May 23, 1863; and Laura A., born June 11, 1857, who died May 12, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Hanawalt also reared a nephew, John, who was born August 29, 1853, but a few months later than our subject. He married Eliza Maddox.

After the death of Christopher Hanawalt, there was some legal difficulties on account of his having left only a verbal will, by which his widow should inherit all his property. After adjustment was made the widow received but 66 acres and the rest of the land was sold, our subject receiving the sum of \$675. He was then but 15 years old and the resolve that he then made he has carried out, that being to purchase the whole of his father's former estate. When 18 years of age he gave his note, payable when he came of age and thus came into possession of his mother's 66 acres, on which she made her home until her death on July 5, 1886. Since that time Mr. Hanawalt has persisted until now he owns the whole of the old estate of 202 acres, the farm on which he has lived all his life. This is good land, responding to the excellent cultivation it receives, with abundant crops of corn and wheat. Mr. Hanawalt also deals in horses and raises many Shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs. At present writing he has 17 head of horses, 31 head of cattle and 75 head of hogs. His land is well watered, Foster Run, a never-failing little stream, running through one corner of it. His comfortable residence of six rooms he built himself and there are other excellent improvements.

Mr. Hanawalt was married first to Nancy Anderson, who died May 13, 1888. She was a daughter of M. M. Anderson. The two children born to this marriage were: Cora and William E. The former, who was a successful

teacher, married Ansel Crownover, and they have one son—Vincent L. The latter married Bertha Crabill. On March 30, 1890, Mr. Hanawalt was married (second) to Anna Grice, who died January 6, 1896. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Grice. They had three children, Cecil C., Ray and Ethel, all of whom reside with their father.

Mr. Hanawalt has always been a citizen who took a commendable interest in public affairs. He has held a number of important county and township offices, including that of infirmity director, constable and for six years was township trustee. He is one of the leading members and liberal supporters of the Christian Church at Five Points. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

HORACE B. McCORD. Among the old residents and prominent farmers of Scioto township, was the late Horace B. McCord, whose long, useful and exemplary life closed on October 2, 1905, in his beautiful home situated on his farm of 235½ acres, not far distant from Lockbourne. Mr. McCord was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, July 16, 1825, and was a son of James and Sidney (Brown) McCord.

The McCord family originated in Ireland where the grandfather, William McCord, was born. He became a true and loyal citizen of America and served as a member of the American forces in the War of the Revolution before he was 18 years old, continuing in the service through the battle of Brandywine. He subsequently settled in Virginia, in the rich lands of Albemarle County.

James McCord, the father of the late Horace B., was born June 10, 1802, in Albemarle County, Virginia, and was both a farmer and carpenter. In the fall of 1834 he sold his farm of 48 acres in Virginia, and came to Ohio, traversing a distance of 600 miles, partly over the mountains, in wagons, being three weeks

on the way. He settled first in Scioto township, Pickaway County, but later moved to Franklin County, where he remained for four years, and then returned to Scioto township and built a log cabin in the woods. He soon acquired land, buying first a tract of 115 acres and adding to it from time to time until, at his death, he owned an estate of over 400 acres. He was always a hard worker and literally carved his home out of the wilderness. In politics he was a Democrat. In religion he was a Methodist. He married Sidney Brown, who was also a native of Albemarle County, Virginia, born in March, 1807. The children born to them were: Horace B., the subject of this memoir; William, who died aged eight years; John Andrew, who died in his second year; Mary (Brown); and James A. James McCord died in February, 1875, and his wife in July, 1884.

Horace B. McCord was nine years old when he accompanied his parents from Virginia to Ohio and could easily recall many events of the long journey, for they made a strong impression on his memory. He had been in school for six months before leaving Albemarle County, and as soon as expedient he started to school in Scioto township, walking long distances to reach the little log school-house in the clearing. His attendance was mainly in the winter seasons as the summers were devoted to work on the farm. He remained at home until he was 21 years old, working for his father.

In after years Mr. McCord would often tell how he earned his first money. When he came of age, he entered the employ of a neighboring farmer and cut corn, receiving two cents per shock for his labor. For five successive seasons he worked for \$10 a month for his father, who held to the old principle that high wages were apt to turn young men into spendthrifts. James McCord was a man of ample enough means to have provided well for his surviving children, all of whom profited by his will with the exception of his eldest son, our subject, who received nothing and who earned every dollar that he subsequently possessed. In the year preceding his first marriage, Mr.

McCord purchased his first 50 acres of land, this being in 1856, and in 1864 he bought 124 acres located on the line of Franklin County, on which property he lived for three years. In 1871 he both bought and sold and in 1874 he bought 207 acres, later sold 50 acres and bought his farm on which his widow still resides, in Scioto township. Here, in 1883, he built his commodious, elegant brick residence, the comforts of which he was permitted to enjoy for many years.

On March 26, 1857, Mr. McCord was married (first) to Mary Callahan, who was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and died March 8, 1867, leaving no issue. On January 21, 1871, Mr. McCord was married (second) to Mrs. Elizabeth (Wade) Deneen, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, January 13, 1839, and is a daughter of Abner and Anna (Gorell) Wade.

Mrs. McCord's grandfather Gorell was born in Ireland and when a boy was stolen by a sea captain. He remained on the water for many years and in time became the captain's mate. Finally the vessel was wrecked and he gave up a sailor's life. He located in Pennsylvania, where he subsequently married Mary Van Cleaf and together they came to Ohio and settled as pioneers in the woods on the present site of Mount Vernon. During the War of 1812 he was sheriff of a county in Pennsylvania, and during this period of time the mother of Mrs. McCord was an infant just learning to walk. It was a part of Pennsylvania law at that time that debtors should be confined in prison until they had discharged their indebtedness and Mrs. McCord remembers hearing how the prisoners taught her mother to walk, carefully guiding the little feet while the busy young mother was concerned in her housekeeping tasks. Both grandparents died at Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Abner Wade, father of Mrs. McCord, was born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, and continued to live in Knox County until the Civil War, when he moved to Columbus, where he lived until 1894, dying at the age of 82 years. Mrs. McCord's mother died when she was a child. They were buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, at Co-

lumbus. Mr. and Mrs. Abner Wade had a large family, as follows: Elzy and Joseph, of Knox County; James, who died in 1905; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of J. M. Blocher; Emeline, deceased, who was the wife of Clark Clemmens; Abner, deceased; Anthony, a resident of Galloway, near Columbus; Matilda, wife of Seymour Jewett, of Pickaway County; Josephine, wife of Clark Worthington, of Pleasant Corners, Franklin County; and Elizabeth (Mrs. McCord).

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCord, four of whom survive, namely: Laura, who married Jacob C. Borrer, a wealthy farmer, resides in Jackson township, Franklin County, and has two children—Blanche and Malcolm; Chauncey, engaged in farming near Ashville, who married Metta May Cromley, a daughter of Hon. Thaddeus E. Cromley, and has one son—Harold Cromley; Horace Miner, who has an office with the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton; and Daisy Irene, who lives at home with her mother. Mr. McCord afforded his children many advantages in an educational way and surrounded them with all that pertains to a cultured home. With him the welfare of his family came before everything and as a father he was kind and indulgent and as a husband, tender and appreciative.

In political sentiment, Mr. McCord was a Democrat but he never aspired to office. For many years he was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church at Commercial Point and in his life and bearing he was a consistent Christian. He took comfort in the fact that in all his business life, even when closely pressed himself, he never sued a man nor was ever sued and that no one, after he passed out of life, could claim one cent of indebtedness. He was scrupulously just and honest in every particular and no needy person ever applied to him in vain.

The immediate cause of Mr. McCord's death was heart trouble, from which he had long been a sufferer. The funeral services over his remains were conducted by Rev. Albert Brewer, of Columbus, who had formerly been Mr. McCord's pastor at Commercial

Point. A beautiful and touching address was delivered and listened to by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, who had gathered to show respect to one who had lived so blamelessly and usefully among his fellow-citizens.

EDWARD DAVIS, who has been a resident of Wayne township, Pickaway County, for the past two years, was born in Ross County, Ohio, on August 4, 1863, and is a son of John and Matilda (Edgington) Davis.

John Davis was born in Pennsylvania and his wife was born in Ross County, Ohio. They were the parents of four children: Frank, who went to the Klondike and never returned; Edward, our subject; James; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Edward Davis was married July 4, 1886, to Emma Lynton, a daughter of Isaac Lynton, of Ross County. After his marriage, Mr. Davis continued to live in Ross County for 18 years, and then located in Wayne township, Pickaway County. Mr. Davis owns a home at Yellow Bud, Ross County, which he purchased in 1888 and which is now occupied by his brother James. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had three children: Elmer, Ralph and Frank. Mr. Davis was for a time supervisor of the road of District No. 7, Union township, Ross County. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family attend the Evangelical Church.

WILLIAM ALDENDERFER, whose well-cultivated farm of 80 acres is situated in Salt Creek township, is a well-known, respected citizen of the township. He was born in this township, July 25, 1852, and is a son of Henry and Mary Aldenderfer.

Henry Aldenderfer was born and reared in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where he obtained his education. In young manhood he

came to Ohio, and after a short residence at Findlay came to Salt Creek township, Pickaway County. Here he married and reared two of his four children, these being: William, of this sketch, and Sarah, who is the wife of Jacob Huffman, of Fairfield County, Ohio. Henry Aldenderfer died March 17, 1889. By trade he was a carpenter and this he followed, more or less, all his life until his later years, which he devoted to farming. In politics he was a Democrat. In religion he was a Lutheran.

The mother of our subject was Mary Aldenderfer, who was a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Markel) Aldenderfer, who were early settlers in Salt Creek township. Both families were of German extraction. It is an interesting fact that both the father and the maternal grandfather of our subject bore precisely the same name. Mrs. Aldenderfer died April 12, 1892.

William Aldenderfer was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the Salt Creek township schools. As a boy he began to be useful on the farm and as he grew older he took a still greater interest and more responsibility and finally assumed the sole management. His land is valuable and he carries on general farming and raises stock. The home is comfortable and the buildings are commodious and substantially built.

On October 14, 1875, Mr. Aldenderfer was married to Martha Weaver, who was born September 11, 1856, in Hocking County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Levi and Sarah A. (Frease) Weaver. Her father was born in Hocking County and her mother in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County. Both the Weaver and Frease families were very early settlers in Hocking and Pickaway counties. Levi Weaver, who died in the former county in 1896, was a son of Jacob Weaver who came to Ohio from Berks County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Aldenderfer has one brother and two sisters, viz.: John, Ellen (wife of George Cox), and Leah (wife of Charles Waites)—all residents of Salt Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldenderfer have four children, as follows: Nelson O., of Summit Coun-

ty, Ohio; Edward C., at home; Stella E., wife of Edward O. Butterbaugh, of Fairfield County; and Wallace, the latter deceased.

In politics, Mr. Aldenderfer is a staunch Democrat. Both he and his wife are worthy members of the Lutheran Church at Tarlton, Ohio. They are well known throughout the township and are held in very high esteem as Christian people and good neighbors.

ABRAM W. KIRKPATRICK, one of Perry township's best known citizens and representative farmers and stock-raisers, resides on the old home farm to which his father came in 1851, not far distant from the one in this same township, where he was born on January 9, 1834. His parents were Abraham and Elizabeth (Marrett) Kirkpatrick.

The Kirkpatrick family, as well as the Marrett family, was of Irish extraction. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Kirkpatrick, settled in Ross County, Ohio, where Abraham Kirkpatrick, our subject's father, was born and where he resided until his marriage, when he moved to Perry township, Pickaway County. In 1851 he settled on the farm on which his son, our subject, has lived until the present time. He died in 1874, aged 82 years.

Abraham W. Kirkpatrick was reared and educated in Perry township. His farm is a very valuable one, well located and finally managed. Mr. Kirkpatrick does not farm himself, having a capable agriculturist to carry out his ideas.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is one of a family of nine children, namely: Sally Ann (Cannon), Ruth (Watson) and Jane (Mottet), all deceased; James, a resident of Illinois; John M., who died at the battle of Pea Ridge, during the Civil War; Marcus, who lives in Illinois; Abraham W., of this sketch; Joseph W., who lives on the old Kirkpatrick place; and Martha, wife of John Porter, living in South Dakota.

In politics, Mr. Kirkpatrick is a staunch Republican. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is counted with the township's most worthy citizens and is held in very high esteem.

DANIEL EBERT HOSLER, formerly director of the Pickaway County Infirmary, owns a valuable farm of 144 acres in Washington township. He was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, May 9, 1832, and is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Ebert) Hosler.

Isaac Hosler was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and removed with his parents to Logan County, Ohio, when he was a boy. They spent their lives in Logan County. Isaac Hosler came to Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, in young manhood and after his marriage bought a small farm. This he improved and here both he and his wife died.

Daniel E. Hosler was reared in Salt Creek township and has spent his whole life in Pickaway County, where he has gained the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. His life has been mainly devoted to farming. His wife inherited the present place from her father and the family has been settled here since 1856.

Mr. Hosler was married to Mary Hitler, who was a daughter of George Hitler. She died March 24, 1876, the mother of 12 children, the five survivors being: George T., Marshall O., Oscar Franklin, Mrs. Ellen Denny and Dora Belle (wife of George Thomas, of Circleville).

In politics Mr. Hosler is a Democrat. He served one term as infirmary director and for 30 years has been a member of the School Board. He is one of the best-known residents of the township.

THOMAS ANDERSON, one of the large grain farmers of Pickaway County, and also one of her substantial and self-made men, resides on his fine farm of 146 acres in Jackson township. Mr. Anderson was born at Rockport, County Down, Ireland, and is a son of David and Hannah (McKee) Anderson.

The parents of Mr. Anderson were also natives of County Down, Ireland. The father was the first of the family to come to America, and after he had secured a home in the new land the rest of his family followed. The



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS GOODMAN AND FAMILY.

father died in Jackson township, this county, at the age of 69 years, and the mother when she was 70 years of age. They had five children, namely: James, who died aged 40 years; Ellen, deceased, who was left a widow with one son and spent her last days at the home of our subject; Thomas, of this sketch; John, a farmer of Scioto township, near Commercial Point; and Agnes, deceased.

Thomas Anderson was born September 26, 1824, and was 24 years of age when he came to America, accompanying his mother and a part of the family and joining the father and the others, who had been residents of Pickaway County, Ohio, for two years. Mr. Anderson has lived in this neighborhood ever since and has always followed farming. He has been a very hard worker and through industry and wise investments he has become a man of substance, owning not only his home farm in Jackson township but also another valuable farm of 87½ acres, located about two miles distant. He makes a specialty of the growing of grain.

Mr. Anderson was married to Sarah Davidson, who was born in Ireland, a daughter of James Davidson, and was three years old when she was brought by her parents to America. She died aged 30 years, leaving these children: James, of Jackson township; William, living at home; Ella, widow of Andrew Hall, residing with her father; Mathew, of Scioto township; Joseph, of Adelphi, Ohio; and Anna and Elizabeth, both living at home. Mr. Anderson was married (second) to Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, widow of John Reid, and daughter of John Morris.

For the past 58 years Mr. Anderson has been a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, but he has never consented to hold any political office. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church and has always been liberal in his support of this body and, while never uniting with it, has encouraged his family to do so. They are members of Renick Presbyterian Church in Jackson township.

Mr. Anderson is a very highly respected man. He has made all he owns through honest toil and has reared his family in com-

fort, given to education and religion and helped in all public improvements. He cared with the greatest kindness for his parents in their declining years and to him all members of the family turn when in trouble or perplexity, knowing the generosity of his nature.



THOMAS GOODMAN, who owns 80 acres of excellent farming land in Walnut township, has been settled here since 1894. He was born in Hocking County, Ohio, March 13, 1843, and is a son of John and Sarah (Weaver) Goodman.

John Goodman was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and became a resident of Hocking County, Ohio, in boyhood. He married Sarah Weaver, of Hocking County, and they reared a family of 12 children. John Goodman died July 18, 1877, and his wife in April, 1885.

Thomas Goodman was brought up on the home farm in Hocking County, attended the district schools and when the Civil War broke out was a strong, well-developed youth of 17 years. One year later, in 1862, he succeeded in enlisting from Hocking County, as a private in the 73rd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf. His term of service covered the remainder of the war and during this time he participated in many of the hardest fought battles and the longest and most wearying marches. His command was sent to Virginia and reached the front just after the first battle of Bull Run. The first engagement in which he took part was the battle of Chancellorsville and this was followed by all the various battles, including Gettysburg, in which his regiment was engaged, until after the fall of Atlanta, when an accident put him in a hospital, where he was kept for six weeks. When he left the hospital the war was over. He was with General Hooker's command when the Confederates were driven back from Bridgeport, Alabama, joined General Sherman's command prior to the midnight charge on Raccoon Ridge, where 35,000 Union soldiers were en-

gaged, fought at Mission Ridge and later assisted in the capture of Atlanta. Mr. Goodman has a noble war record and was honorably discharged at Lookout Mountain.

Mr. Goodman returned to Ohio, but not to Hocking County. He remained for a short time in Ross County and then removed to Pickaway County, where he has lived ever since. Here he has long been a well-known citizen and excellent farmer. On August 25, 1893, he purchased his present farm and settled upon it in February of the following year. It is excellent land and would command a high price in the market. Mr. Goodman has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and for a number of years was ably assisted by his son, the late Edward Goodman, who resided on the home farm. His death, which occurred on January 20, 1906, was a severe blow to his parents and to the whole family.

In 1866 Mr. Goodman was married to Emma Hinton, a daughter of Henry Hinton, a farmer of Ross County, Ohio. They had six children born to them, namely: William, residing on the home farm, who married Frances Hornbeck, who died March 5, 1904, leaving seven children—Blanche, Mona, Russell, Miriam, Audrey, Howard and Frances; Edward, mentioned above, who married Elizabeth Spayth and is survived by three children—Mary, Marie and Ethel; Lida, who married C. M. Spayth, resides in East Ringgold and has four children—Gladys, Inez, Dudley and an infant; Lucy, who married Clark Groom, of East Ringgold and has two children—Mildred and Ruth; and Minnie, Alice and Belva, who died young. A group picture of the Goodman family accompanies this sketch.

FRED R. NICHOLAS, city clerk and city auditor of Circleville, was born in this city where he is well known and highly respected, on the 22nd of January, 1873. He is a son of William H. and Mary E. (Patterson) Nicholas.

William H. Nicholas, who was a native of Vermont, came to Pickaway County in early

life and was married here. For many years he was agent for the old Hawkes stage line, running between Columbus and Chillicothe. In later life he engaged in the livery business, and at the time of his death, which occurred April 6, 1886, he was conducting a restaurant. He married Mary E. Patterson, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, and is a daughter of a prominent farmer—Thomas Patterson—who died in that county in 1905. Two children were born to them, namely: Charles H., who married Alice Krow, of Kansas, where they now reside; and Fred R., the subject of this sketch, who is unmarried and lives with his widowed mother.

Fred R. Nicholas was appointed city clerk by the City Council of Circleville, in 1898, and is still an incumbent of the office. In April, 1903, he was elected city auditor on the Democratic ticket, being the first to hold the newly created office, and in his dual position he is making a most enviable record as a municipal official. In fraternal circles he is well known because of his connection with the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and B. P. O. E.

JACOB HINES, deceased, was for many years one of the large farmers and representative men of Pickaway County, the owner of valuable lands in Walnut township, where a large part of his active life was spent, later becoming a retired resident of Ashville, where he died in 1898. Mr. Hines was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1820, and was a son of Jacob Hines, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to this section in pioneer days.

In 1840, the late Jacob Hines moved to Madison township, Pickaway County, and after his marriage took up his residence in Walnut township, where he acquired a large body of land, some 280 acres, on which, in 1861, he erected a comfortable brick dwelling and made many improvements. For many years he carried on extensive farming operations, but finally retired to Ashville and there

his remaining years were passed in the quiet pursuits agreeable to advanced years. During a long and useful life he had enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens and he is tenderly remembered by his friends and family.

Jacob Hines married Mary Miller and they had a family of five children, namely: Francis J., Joseph Benton, Mrs. Sarah Catherine Mader, Mrs. Melva L. Miller and Elva Belle, a twin sister of Melva L., who died aged three years. The mother of the above mentioned family still survives and is an esteemed resident of Ashville.

FRANCIS J. HINES, one of the representative farmers of Walnut township, resides on his well-improved farm of 112½ acres, located in section 3, and is the eldest son of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Hines, prominent residents for many years of Walnut township, where he was born December 27, 1848.

Francis J. Hines was reared in Walnut township, where he attended the district schools and then spent two terms in the Lebanon (Ohio) Normal School. After marriage, Mr. Hines settled on his present farm, where he has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising ever since. His property is well located, fertile and very valuable and in 1896 its value was increased by the erection of a handsome brick residence, which is a model of comfort and attractiveness.

In 1874 Mr. Hines was united in marriage with Amelia Deborah Snyder, who is a daughter of Adam Snyder, of Bloom township, Fairfield County, Ohio. They have a family of six children, viz.: Delbert LeRoy, Verna M., Harley C., Ray Stanley, Mary Deborah and Frederick Joseph. The three older sons are all thoroughly educated and capable men. The eldest, after completing the course prescribed in District No. 2, Walnut township, entered the Capitol University at Columbus, where he was graduated and then entered the educational field as a teacher. He taught for three years in the common schools of Truro township, Franklin County, then was appointed principal of the Gahanna schools, and after completing a very

satisfactory engagement there accepted his present position of principal of the Madison township High School. He ranks with the leading young educators of the county. Harley C. Hines, the second son, who attended Bliss Business College, at Columbus, for one term resides at home. Ray Stanley Hines was graduated from the Madison township High School, class of 1906. His present prospect is to teach during the ensuing year in Fairfield County, Ohio. The daughters and youngest son reside at home. Mr. Hines has always shown a deep interest in educational matters in the township and has been one of its efficient school directors. He is a Republican in politics.

JOSEPH BENTON HINES, one of Walnut township's substantial farmers and respected citizens, resides on his valuable farm of 170 acres, which is situated in section 3, on which farm he was born January 3, 1851. He is the second son of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Hines, residents of Walnut township for an extended period.

Joseph Benton Hines was the second son in a family of five children. Like his older brother, Francis J., he was given as good educational opportunities as the district schools afforded and spent two terms at Delaware College, and like the latter he grew up a practical farmer. He has always resided on the old homestead farm and occupies the old brick house erected by his father in 1861. In 1903 he remodeled this substantial residence and it is now one of the most comfortable homes of the township.

On February 8, 1883, Mr. Hines was united in marriage with Emma Wright, a daughter of William Wright, of Madison township, and they have two children, Arthur William and Carrie M., both living at home, who are graduates of the Madison township High School. Arthur William also attended a Columbus business college.

Mr. Hines is one of the leading members and a trustee of Hedges Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.



C. NOTHSTINE, SR., a prominent citizen of Ashville, was closely identified with the agricultural interests of Pickaway County for 44 years, and still owns some 300 acres of valuable farming land in Walnut township. He is a worthy representative of a pioneer family, which settled in this section in the time of his grandfather, but his father, like himself, was born in Ohio. Mr. Nothstine was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, not far distant from Lithopolis, on February 5, 1836, and is a son of Henry and Susan (Hall) Nothstine.

John Nothstine, the grandfather, was of German extraction and the family had lived near Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, prior to its migration to Ohio. Our subject can recall seeing the old covered wagons in which the family and its belongings were transported over the mountains to the new home in Pickaway County, where they settled in the woods and endured pioneer privations. The children of John Nothstine were: Annie, Maria, Daniel, Peter, Joseph and Henry. Maria married Daniel Glick and she lived and died in Madison township. Daniel was killed by the fall of a tree near the county line. Peter established his home in Fairfield County, where he died.

Henry Nothstine, father of our subject, spent his whole life in Pickaway County. He married Susan Hall, who was also born in Pickaway County, and was a daughter of Henry Hall, who owned a farm cornering on Pickaway and Fairfield counties. The Hall connection is a large one and Mrs. Nothstine's three brothers—Philip, Henry and David—became well-known citizens: Martha, a sister, married Daniel Rockey, a pioneer pumpmaker, of Columbus, Ohio.

The children born to Henry Nothstine and wife were five sons and three daughters. Joseph, who was a soldier in the Civil War, served in the 30th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., under Captain Groce and was killed in the battle of Mission Ridge. He was interred in the same grave with two other brave soldiers who had also met

a heroic death on this terrible day, one Sergeant Shannon, of Pickaway County, and the other, a brother of Major Johnson. John, the next son, served also in the Civil War, a large part of his service being the guarding and escorting of prisoners to different points. After the war he went to the West and has never returned to Ohio. Lewis Lafayette resides at Columbus, Ohio. Jacob owns a farm in Madison township, which adjoins the one on which he was born. Eliza married Nathan Whaley and resides on a farm in Fairfield County near Waterloo. Christena married Levi F. Dum and resides on the old homestead. Roxa married Isaac Donnelly, who has been one of the caretakers at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, for the past 14 years. Annie, who was the wife of Adam Reed, died about 1886. Our subject is the oldest of the family.

A. C. Nothstine, Sr., was reared in Madison township and attended the local schools, working on his father's farm in the meantime and completing his education with one year of study at Lithopolis. In 1859 he began to farm on his own account, but his first year's experience was rather discouraging as in that year there came an untimely freezing spell that destroyed his wheat and corn, so that his crops brought him very little return for all his effort. This weather freak did not subsequently visit his crops, or he later learned better how to manage his operations, for Mr. Nothstine became a noted agriculturist and for the 44 years he devoted to general farming, he can show a successful record.

Mr. Nothstine was married in 1859 to Elizabeth Ann Ward, who is a daughter of Richard Ward, formerly a well-known farmer of Walnut township. The mother of Mrs. Nothstine died when she was eight years but she was carefully reared by her father and lived on the home farm until her marriage. The Ward family came to Ohio from Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Nothstine have had a family of eight children—five sons and three daughters. Ida, who married John Parks, resides at Circleville; Rose Althea, who married C. B. Hedges, resides on a farm in Harrison township; Mr. and Mrs. Hedges have three

sons—Walter, Howard and Roger. Fannie, who married John Noecker, a farmer of Madison township, has one son—Cecil. Edward, who was formerly a teacher, conducts a photograph gallery at McArthur, Vinton county. He has two sons and two daughters, viz.: Keneth, Paul, Dorothy and Ida. R. C., who is connected with Washington Court House and Circleville canning factories, married Vinnie Teegardin, a daughter of John Teegardin, of Madison township; they have five daughters and one son, namely; Harriet, Mildred, Gertrude, Frances, Gretchen and A. C. Nothstine, Jr. Percy, who is a conductor on the P., C., C. & St. L. Ry., between Logansport, Indiana, and Chicago, has been on the road about eight years. He married Mabel Kirkendall of Circleville, a daughter of Captain Kirkendall. William C. married Oela C. Dunnick, daughter of Ex-Sheriff H. M. Dunnick, of Pickaway County, and has one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. They reside on the home farm on the island. Arthur C., the youngest of Mr. Nothstine's children, is a chemist at the Carnegie Steel Company's plant at Zanesville, Ohio. He was educated at the Ohio State University at Columbus.

After his marriage, Mr. Nothstine purchased the farm of 150 acres on the Island, in Walnut township, which he stills owns. His other land, amounting to 160 acres, is situated east of the canal. As stated above, Mr. Nothstine continued to farm for very many years, raising corn and wheat and making a specialty of potatoes, raising by the mulching process some of the finest tubers ever offered in the local market. During the '70's and '80's he raised fine Berkshire and Poland-China hogs, and for 16 successive years was an exhibitor of fine hogs and agricultural products at the Pickaway and adjoining county fairs. Well does he recollect the yearly performance of the pacer "Reese Morris," on the little circular track. In 1904 he left the farm and purchased his fine property at Ashville, where he has resided ever since. He has taken a leading part in town affairs and is at present serving as a member of the Town Council, being a man whose discretion and judgment are much relied upon.

Mr. Nothstine is not only a charter member but a promotor of Nebraska Grange, No. 64, in Walnut township, Pickaway County. He was one of the earliest farmers of this section to become interested in the agricultural movement, which resulted in establishing the Grange; and in its early days he gave a great deal of time visiting throughout Walnut township and placing the matter before his fellow farmers. Nebraska Grange was organized June 16, 1873. Mr. Nothstine securing the services of the State Grange organizer, Mr. Ellis, for this purpose. The Grange now has 104 members, being one of the strongholds of the organization. On June 16, 1906, its anniversary was held, and at this time 18 applications for membership were voted on. Mr. Nothstine is credited for its prosperous condition. He has done a great deal in the way of bringing the farmers closer together so that they may exchange ideas and experiences and a brotherhood has been established which is worth a great deal in rural life, both materially and socially.

In political sentiment Mr. Nothstine adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, in which he was reared. He was reared a Lutheran by Lutheran parents.



FRANK S. McKENZIE, an excellent farmer and sterling citizen of Pickaway township, residing on his well-cultivated farm of 147½ acres, which is situated in section 17, near Hayesville, was born April 2, 1862, in Pickaway County, Ohio. He is a son of Samuel and Margaret McKenzie, grandson of Gabriel McKenzie and great-grandson of Samuel McKenzie.

The McKenzie family is of Scotch extraction. Its founders in America were three brothers who crossed the Atlantic Ocean with Lord Baltimore and settled in Maryland, some two centuries ago. From one of these brothers, the family of which our subject is a member is directly descended. Samuel McKenzie, the great-grandfather of our subject, his son Gabriel and his grandson Samuel were all born

in Maryland. The last named, the father of our subject, had three brothers, all of whom resided in Pickaway County for a time, viz.: James R., who came here in 1876 but died in Franklin County in his 83rd year; Ambrose, formerly of Walnut township, who removed to Illinois about 1865; and John, who died in early manhood.

Prior to coming to Pickaway County, Samuel McKenzie had resided in Ross County, Ohio, removing thence early in the '50's to Wayne township, Pickaway County. In 1875 he settled on the farm where our subject now resides, and here his death occurred on January 9, 1896. His wife, who was a native of Knox County, Ohio, survived him until April 4, 1903. Their happy wedded life covered a period of almost 50 years and Mr. McKenzie's death interrupted plans for the celebration of their golden wedding, which would have taken place two weeks later. They had eight children born to them, of whom three are living, namely, Leo, Mary and Frank S. Theresa J., Martha R., John C., Margaret S., and Agnes, are deceased. Samuel McKenzie was a self-made man. From the age of 16 years, until his death, at the age of 71, he resided in Ohio and passed the larger portion of this period in Pickaway County. He was one of the highly esteemed men of this section, honest, industrious and useful to his community. Both he and his wife were worthy members of the Catholic Church.

Frank S. McKenzie was reared in Pickaway County and secured an excellent public school education. He has always devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He is manager and part owner of the homestead farm, which is one of the valuable properties of the township. Like his late father, he is a Democrat in his political views.

GEORGE EDWIN NEFF, a native of this county and a resident of it since his birth, has conducted a general store at Derby for the past 12 years.

He was born December 13, 1854, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Marshall) Neff and a grandson of Jacob Neff.

Jacob Neff, who was born in what is now West Virginia, married Catherine Clark in that State, and as emigrants he and his wife with their three children came to Pickaway County, Ohio, by wagon, settling first on a rented farm, the Judge Florence place. The three children born to them before coming to Ohio were three sons, namely: John, who married Elizabeth Owens and resided near Circleville—both now deceased; William, the father of our subject; and Tillison, who married Elizabeth Steele—both now deceased.

William Neff married Elizabeth Marshall, a daughter of James and Sarah (Murray) Marshall, the latter of whom was born in Ireland, and came to America when six years of age with her parents, who settled in Pennsylvania. It was in that State that she was married to James Marshall. The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. William Neff were: Sarah, now deceased, who was the wife of Albert Miller; George E., our subject; Mary, wife of A. E. Loofbourrow, both of whom reside at Mount Sterling, Ohio; John, who married Osie Maxwell and is a resident of Columbus; William, Jr., who was married (first) to a Miss Cartnill and (second) to Helen Strain; James, who married Elizabeth Hewitt and lives at Newport, Ohio; and Courtney M., who married Mary Anderson.

George E. Neff married, as his first wife, Mary E. Hott, daughter of Peter Hott, a native of this State. Mrs. Neff died in 1882. On September 2, 1886, at Derby, he married Mary Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of James and Sarah (Briley) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson came from Maryland and 17 children were born to them—Jonathan, William, James, Homer, Matthew, John, Grant, Peter, David, Jane (deceased), Mary Elizabeth, Alice, Price, Hattie (deceased), Lillian, and two children that died in infancy.

After his marriage to Mary Elizabeth Johnson, Mr. Neff commenced housekeeping in the present family home at Derby, which belongs to his wife. Three children have been born into the household, namely: Brice, who died in 1892; and Marguerite, born May 17, 1892, and Sarah, born May 17, 1896, both of whom live at home.

Mr. Neff has been engaged in business at Derby for the past 12 years, and has established one of the leading general stores in his section of the county, carrying an especially good line of groceries, dry goods and shoes. He has served on the School Board for six years, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is an Odd Fellow, and altogether is a substantial, moral and progressive member of the community in which he has resided throughout his life.



W. H. WENTWORTH, who is prominently identified with the insurance business at Circleville, was born in this city in 1859, and is a son of Dr. Alonzo Wentworth, who came to Pickaway County in 1852. He was a doctor of dentistry and for many years was prominent in his profession at Circleville.

W. H. Wentworth was reared and educated at Circleville. After graduating from the Circleville High School, he learned telegraphy, becoming an expert operator, and was manager of the Western Union wires here from 1884 until 1897. In the latter year he embarked in a real estate and insurance business. He is now one of the leading men in his lines in the county. Mr. Wentworth is a good judge of property and handles a large amount of both city and country realty, both for home purchasers and holders and for investors in other sections. He does also a general insurance business and represents these leading fire insurance companies: Equitable Fire & Marine, of Providence, Rhode Island; German American of New York; New Hampshire, of Manchester, New Hampshire; Hanover, of New York; Orient, of Hartford, Connecticut; Niagara, of New York; Northern, of London, England; New York Underwriters' Agency, of New York; Phoenix, of London, England; Sun, of London, England, the oldest company in the world; Westchester, of New York; and Western, of Toronto, Canada. He represents also the Travelers' Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut; United

States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore; and Lloyd's Plate Glass Insurance Company, of New York.

In January, 1905, Mr. Wentworth was married to Grace Ruff, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Anthony S. Ruff, a retired farmer of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Wentworth is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight of Pythias and an Elk, and he belongs also to the Circleville Athletic Club and to the Business Men's Association. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. His interest in politics is only that of a good citizen who desires to uphold the law and aid good government.



ADAM RADER, who during his lifetime was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Pickaway township where he was engaged in farming, was born in Pike County, Ohio, on a farm about eight miles east of Waverly, April 22, 1855. He was a son of Adam and Nancy (Tharp) Rader, who settled at an early day in Pike County, where their family came to be considered one of the wealthiest and most prominent families there.

Adam Rader, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest of a family of four girls and six boys, and was reared in Pike County, where he received a common school education. He lived on his father's farm where he was born until the death of his parents, when he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the homestead, and there continued to live for two years. He then sold the farm, which consisted of 200 acres, and moved to Pickaway County, where he rented a farm of 187 acres four miles south of Circleville on the Pickaway Plains and here devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred on May 22, 1884. Mr. Rader was a Democrat politically and, though active in politics, never held office.

December 3, 1881, Mr. Rader was married to Nancy Catharine Brill, and they had one

child, May, now 22 years old, who resides with her widowed mother. Mrs. Rader is a daughter of Jeremiah Norton and Mary (Bumgarner) Brill and was born in Piketon, Pike County, Ohio. Mr. Brill died in Pike County; his wife still survives him and lives at Portsmouth, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Brill were the parents of three children—Sarepta, wife of Rev. James Wesley Kirkpatrick, a Methodist minister, residing in Pike County; Henry Elmore, living in Mulhall, Logan County, Oklahoma, who is a Methodist minister; and Nancy Catherine (Mrs. Rader), widow of the subject of this sketch.

Mrs. Rader is a woman well known throughout Jackson township, where she lives, for unusual business abilities. She has 111 acres of land in Scioto township, which she devotes to agricultural purposes. She also rents a fine farm of 366 acres of Circuit Judge Festus Walters on the Mount Sterling road, where she runs a large stock farm, employing several men to assist her in the work.

HARVEY TRONE, the son and the grandson of pioneers of Walnut township, is a native of this township, born June 21, 1835. He is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Yantis) Trone.

Benjamin Trone was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1800 and when 13 years of age accompanied his father, Andrew Jackson Trone, into the Ohio country. Settling on a farm in Walnut township, Pickaway County, the boy developed into a stalwart yeoman, and when a young man, in company with his brother Asa, purchased the homestead of his father. The latter then moved to Circleville, where he died about the year 1850. The tract of land bought by the two sons consisted of 160 acres of land, which was eventually fashioned into a fine homestead and was the birthplace of our subject.

Benjamin Trone was twice married. His first marriage was to a Miss Deeds, who died within a few years of their union, the mother

of three children, viz.: Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of James Whitehorst; Andrew Jackson, who was killed in Circleville, in the fall of 1905; and Elizabeth, the widow of Hiram Bales. Benjamin Trone's second marriage was to Elizabeth Yantis, daughter of Henry Yantis, a native of Maryland. Her father had moved to Virginia, settling for a time at Harper's Ferry, and thence had migrated to Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he flourished as a farmer and was highly respected as a citizen.

By the second marriage there were four children, as follows: Harvey, our subject and the first born; Asa, who resides on his farm of 90 acres in Washington township; Catherine, widow of John Stump; and Henry, deceased, late a resident of Walnut township.

Harvey Trone was raised in Walnut township, but resided about 20 years in Fairfield County, this State. In September, 1857, he married Martha Peters, daughter of Absalom A. Peters. They have no children. Their fine homestead of 83 acres is a portion of the farm upon which Mr. Trone was born, and their residence, a large, comfortable brick house, erected by him in 1874.

Mr. Trone is prominent in local politics. For several terms he has been elected township trustee on the Republican ticket, although the township is normally Democratic by a decided majority. He has also served as school director and as director of the Reber Hill Cemetery. At one time Mr. Trone was a Republican candidate for infirmary director, and although the county has a usual Democratic majority of 800 votes he was defeated by only 300.

ALEERT ROSS WHITE, whose fine farm of 136 acres lies along the London and Circleville turnpike, in Darby township, is a native of this State, born in Franklin township, February 12, 1866. He is a son of William P. and Elizabeth (Gantz) White.

William P. White was born in Virginia, where his parents passed their lives. He



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came as a prospector to Ohio, visiting different sections on horseback and finally chose a tract of forest land in Franklin County. He had to clear a large enough space on which to erect his cabin of logs. Prior to his marriage to Elizabeth Gantz, whose people moved to Franklin County from Pennsylvania, he taught school for a time and afterward lived for a year on her father's farm, and then took up his residence in the woods, where a good farm was developed and where the remainder of his life was spent. William P. White and wife had a family of nine children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were: Dexter, who married (first) Laura Clark and (second) Harriet Lyons and now resides in Oregon; Alice, who married H. H. Seeds of Pickaway County; Dilworth T., who married Mary Smith; Mary C., who married A. Linebaugh, of Portland, Oregon; Adam, who died aged 19 years; W. Elvin, who married Anna E. White, and Albert Ross, of this sketch.

Albert Ross White remained at home until he was 26 years of age and then went to Illinois, where he remained for two years. After returning to Franklin County, he remained at home six months and then, on October 3, 1888, was married to Jennie Smith. With his wife he took a trip to Illinois, during which time he disposed of his interests in that State and then rented his present farm in Pickaway County from his father-in-law, S. R. Smith. Later he purchased the property, making something of a trade, being already the owner of some adjoining land. On this fine farm Mrs. White had been born and reared and it must be a source of great pleasure to her to be able to continue to reside among old familiar scenes. She has one brother, Charles J., who is a very prominent doctor of Oregon, a member of the State Senate, president of the State Medical Board and a successful practicing physician at Pendleton. He married Lillian Gulliford. During visits to Oregon, Mrs. White has collected a number of Indian relics and in order to display them effectively, she has fitted up a unique "Indian Corner" in her drawing-room.

Mr. and Mrs. White have two children,

Roy S., born September 15, 1889, and Charles E., born September 10, 1892. Both are bright students at the Derby High School and the younger has recently successfully passed the Boxwell examination.

Mr. White has never been an active politician but he has always performed the duties pertaining to good citizenship. For a number of years he has served as a member of the School Board. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Derby.

 HON. GEORGE H. PONTIUS, probate judge of Pickaway County, an eminent attorney and prominent citizen of Circleville, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 6, 1856, and is a son of Amos and Catherine (Earnhart) Pontius and grandson of Daniel Pontius, who was born in Pennsylvania.

Daniel Pontius came to Pickaway County, Ohio, from Pennsylvania at a day when Washington township, where he located, was in a very wild state. He became one of the large landed proprietors, having an estate of 1,600 acres of land. Here Amos Pontius, father of Judge Pontius, was born and reared. He also became a man of substance and prominence, during his residence on his farm of a quarter section, located two and a half miles from Circleville, and later, when he made his home in the latter place. He married Catherine Earnhart, who was born in Washington township and was a daughter of William Earnhart, who came to Ohio from Maryland and became a large landholder on the Pickaway Plains, removing later to Washington township. Both the Earnhart and Pontius families were strong supporters of the United Brethren Church, and the first church of this denomination in Washington township was erected on the farm of the latter family. The mother of Judge Pontius died in 1889. Of the six children in the family, five survive, our subject being the third in order of birth.

Until he was 17 years of age, George H. Pontius remained at home, attending school but enjoying only common-school advantages. In order to satisfy his ambitions for a more extended field of usefulness than was offered on the home farm, he then engaged in teaching school until he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to graduate at the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, where he received the degree of B. S., in 1879. He continued to teach until 1884, when he was elected clerk of courts, being re-elected in 1887. In the meantime he had studied law under Judge Winstead, of Circleville, formerly probate judge, and in March, 1888, he was admitted to the Ohio bar. On February 9, 1891, he entered into partnership with H. P. Folsom and the firm of Folsom & Pontius became one of the leading law firms of the county. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Election Board and served until 1902, when he was honored by election to the Probate bench, a re-election following in 1905. Judge Pontius has made an enviable record for painstaking energy, courage and honesty for mature, well-balanced judgment and for impartial fidelity to the issues before him.

On December 8, 1887, Judge Pontius was married to Ora Hall, who was born at Logansport, Indiana. They have two sons,—Miller H. and Stuart D. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Circleville, the Judge being one of the trustees.

Politically Judge Pontius has been a lifelong Democrat and has served his party in many important positions. He has been one of the men in public life who has continued to be deeply interested in all local affairs and willing to assist in promoting the welfare of his own community. He has served as a member of the Board of Education and is a member of the board of directors of the Opera House Company and of the Board of Trade. He is a Mason of high degree and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias.

Judge Pontius has found time, in the midst of professional duties of an absorbing nature, to enjoy the pursuits of a thinker, scholar and man of taste and not only possesses a remark-

ably fine library, but has broadened his mind by extensive travel. Unlike many of his fellow countrymen, he has chosen to visit all parts of his own land and view its natural wonders and business development, before touring in other parts of the world. He is a thorough American.



GEORGE G. LEIST, M. D., physician and surgeon at Circleville, is a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, a member of a distinguished family of that section of the State. He is a son of Jesse and Phoebe (Glick) Leist and a grandson of Hon. John Leist.

Hon. John Leist, a stone cutter and mechanic by trade, rose from a humble estate to be one of the statesmen and leading citizens of his section of Ohio. For 13 terms he served in the State Legislature from Fairfield County and was one of the most earnest promoters of the old canal, which so greatly benefited his section. He was thoroughly acquainted with the law, although a graduate of no school, and was the chosen adviser and friend of half the people of his county. His son, Jesse Leist, the father of Dr. Leist, was born in Fairfield County and turned his attention to agriculture, becoming one of the substantial farmers of that locality.

George G. Leist was reared and primarily educated in the schools of Fairfield County and was graduated from the Zanesville Business College in 1877. After reading medicine for several years, with Dr. J. J. Silbaugh, at Royalton, Ohio, he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1891. He immediately began practice at East Ringgold, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he continued for seven years and then removed to Royalton, where he spent seven years more. In 1904 Dr. Leist came to Circleville and here has met with a ready welcome. He is a valued member of the Fairfield County Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society and is an enthusiastic member of his profession.

On December 24, 1891, Dr. Leist was

united in marriage with Mary McCandlish, who is a daughter of George McCandlish, formerly a farmer in Fairfield County, but now a retired resident of Thornville, Ohio. James A. McCandlish, an uncle of Mrs. Leist, was a very prominent man in Fairfield County. He served, with the rank of captain, for three years in the Civil war, located then in Cumberland County, Illinois, where he was elected sheriff, being the first Republican incumbent the county had had. He served nine years in that position and later was elected clerk of the County Court.

Dr. and Mrs. Leist have four children, viz.: Harold, George and Helen, all bright students at Circleville; and Martha Alice, the pride of the home, born April 26, 1906. In politics the Doctor is a Republican.



MILTON JACKSON TOOTLE, who resides on a well-improved and valuable farm of 220 acres in Monroe township, owns rich farming land in this locality aggregating 1,000 acres. Mr. Tootle was born on the old Tootle homestead, in Ross County, Ohio, December 11, 1840, and is a son of James and Mary (Clarkson) Tootle.

The Tootle family was established in Ohio by Thomas Tootle, who came from Maryland to Ross County in 1805. The family became the owners of a large body of land, which has been increased and improved as each generation has succeeded to its ownership. Thomas B. Tootle, the eldest son of the founder and the grandfather of Milton J. Tootle, married Mary Ann Rector, whose maternal uncle was Edward Tiffin, the first Governor of Ohio. The children of this marriage were: John, James, Isaac and Amos. Thomas B. Tootle was a man of means and influence and was closely identified with the development of Ross County. He was also a loyal citizen and served as a soldier of the War of 1812.

James Tootle, the second son of Thomas B. and the father of Milton J., was born August 11, 1814, in Ross County, Ohio, where

he married Mary Clarkson, a daughter of Major Clarkson, another veteran of the War of 1812. They had five children, namely: Milton Jackson, of this sketch; Edward Tiffin, of Wayne township; Eliza, widow of Stewart Morrow; Monroe, deceased; and Douglas, of Ross County. Like other members of his family, James Tootle was a man of sterling worth. The family properties under his control were increased in value and he was able to be very generous with his children.

In recalling his schooldays our subject remembers the old log structure near his home in Ross County, with its puncheon floor and rough slab seats, where he was mainly educated, his attendance at school continuing until he was about 18 years of age. With his brothers, he assisted in the management and operation of his father's farming lands until he was about 22 years of age, when the latter presented him with a farm of 220 acres, with the stipulation that he should improve and cultivate it. This is the rich tract on which Mr. Tootle now resides; it is situated partly in Monroe and partly in Darby townships. Subsequently Mr. Tootle purchased 525 acres from the Colonel Florence estate, on Dry Run, in Muhlenberg and Monroe townships, and still later, 240 acres on the Five Points road, which formerly belonged to the old Abernethy estate.

When Mr. Tootle accepted his father's suggestion that he should show what he could do by himself taking over his present farm, at first under a nominal rental, he had to face unusual hardships. The land was heavily timbered and part of it required much ditching before it could be cultivated. Game was still plentiful in the vicinity of the little log cabin in which he took up his residence and for which he made the furniture with the best skill he could command. His days were filled with hard work, but within the space of three years he had proved to his father that the experiment was a complete success and the wild farm had been cleared and subjugated.

Following the final acquirement of his farm, came our subject's marriage, which took place with Mary Abernethy, on Thanksgiving Day.

November 28, 1867. She was born in Ross County, Ohio, and is a daughter of James M. and Rhoda (Conner) Abernethy. Her father was born in Virginia, moved to Ross County, Ohio, and subsequently became a man of large possessions. He was thrice married; first, to Rhoda Conner; second, to Mrs. Lucy Somers; and third, to Elizabeth Proctor. The children of the first marriage were: William and Robert, deceased; Isaac and Mary. Of these, William became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Robert became a farmer. Isaac, now a prominent attorney at Circleville, served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the district composed of Pickaway, Franklin and Madison counties. He married (first) Elizabeth Cusic and (second) Wealthy Veath. The children of James Abernethy's second marriage were: Adolphus, Lawrence and Florence (twins), and Cyrus, now cashier of the Second National Bank at Circleville, who was formerly county surveyor and laid out the townships of Pickaway County.

Mr. and Mrs. Tootle had seven children born to them namely: John, who died aged 18 years; Robert Tiffin, born July 18, 1868; Olive Elizabeth, born December 30, 1871, who resides at home; Minnie Theodosia, born October 12, 1874, who is the wife of James Hatfield, of Five Points, and has one son—Eldon; Rhoda Estella, born November 8, 1877, who lives at home; James Milton, born April 1, 1884; and Samuel C., the third son, who was born November 13, 1870. After completing the common school course in Monroe township, Samuel C. Tootle taught school for some time in Monroe, Darby and Jackson townships and then entered the medical department of the Ohio State University, at Columbus, where he was graduated as a physician in 1896. He practiced for a short time in that city and then returned home and in 1905 was elected township treasurer on the Democratic ticket. He is one of the promising young men of the vicinity and is thoroughly prepared to follow either his profession or almost any chosen career.

In Milton J. Tootle is found one of Pickaway County's most representative citizens

and he worthily represents the old family of substance and influential connections which has made its name one to be honored in this part of Ohio, for generations. He is one of the largest cattle and stock-raisers of this locality, and is a director in the First National Bank of Mount Sterling, Ohio. For a number of years he has been a township trustee and has also served as a member of the School Board. Politically he is a Democrat.



GEORGE FREDERICK GRAND-GIRARD, one of the leading pharmacists and business men at Circleville, was born at Red Oak Presbyterian Parsonage, Brown County, Ohio, June 9, 1862, and is a son of the late Rev. Emile F. Grand-Girard.

The Grand-Girard family originally were from the South of France and from the Department du Gars (as the state is at present divided), Cheflieu, Nismes. After the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, they found their way to Switzerland in the Canton of Berne, and there remained until the year 1777, when their children returned to France. However, previous to the return of these religious refugees, they took the precaution of securing letters of citizenship. This letter of origin and citizenship is written on parchment and signed by D. Guillarmot, notary public. A copy was taken by Rev. Emile T. Grand-Girard from the original while visiting a cousin, August Grand-Girard, living then at Lille, Department du Nord, France, in July, 1872.

Our subject's grandfather, George F. Grand-Girard, was a French soldier, who followed the great Napoleon in all his varied fortunes as soldier and Emperor. He wore the eagles of the Imperial Guard. He was in Paris when Napoleon was crowned Emperor. After the war, he resumed his position in civil life as an architect and builder in his native district. In May, 1833, he left France with his young family for America, bringing with him letters of introduction from the Marquis de La Fayette to gentlemen in New York and Cincinnati.

Rev. Emile F. Grand-Girard was born at Hericourt, France, June 4, 1816. He was for one year a student in the College of Montbeliard, where the great naturalist Cuvier was educated. He was then for three years a student in the polytechnic school at Strasburg, one of the French government schools of applied sciences at that time. At the age of 17 he came with his family to America. During the Civil War his loyalty to his adopted country was so emphatic, he was commissioned Colonel in the Ohio National Guard by the Governor of Ohio. He was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and for 41 years was permitted to preach. With his sister, Miss Emily Grand-Girard, he was for a considerable period, in charge of the Highland Female Institute, of Hillsboro, Ohio—a very noted institution of learning in their time.

Rev. Emily F. Grand-Girard married Georgianna Herdman, of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Her ancestors, who were Scotch-Irish, settled in Virginia upon coming to America. One of her ancestors, in the maternal line, was Dr. Francis Makemie, sometimes styled the "Father of Presbyterianism" in this country, as he was the first minister of the Presbyterian denomination to preach in Virginia.

George F. Grand-Girard was four years old when his parents removed from Red Dak Parsonage to Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio. On May 1, 1878, when about 16 years old he joined his brother, Herdman E. Grand-Girard, at Circleville, and immediately entered the latter's store. On September 9, 1881, he started to Cincinnati to attend the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. On October 1, 1883, he purchased his brother's drug business and has continued the same ever since.

On April 13, 1886, Mr. Grand-Girard was married to Carrie Dresbach, who is a daughter of R. P. Dresbach, one of the early settlers of the county. They have two children—Stanley and Miriam. The former is attending the Circleville High School, being a member of the class of 1908. Mr. Grand-Girard was elected an elder in the Presbyterian Church for life, on January 10, 1896. He belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees.

JACOB H. GLICK, whose fine farm of 182½ acres is situated in section 8, Circleville township, was born at Circleville, Ohio, July 9, 1853, and is a son of Philip and Nancy (Hoover) Glick.

Philip Glick, father of Jacob H., was born in Amanda township, Fairfield County, Ohio, June 5, 1819, and was a son of Henry Glick, whose father emigrated from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania, where he followed farming for a time. He then came to Ohio and entered several sections of land in Fairfield and Pickaway counties. While returning for his family, he died in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was buried there. His widow and children moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, after his death.

Henry Glick, the grandfather of Jacob H., was a farmer and teacher and for many years was a justice of the peace. He was better educated than many of his neighbors and hence became a leader in the social, political and business life of the community. He married Sarah Peters, also a native of Pennsylvania, whose family came as pioneers to Fairfield County. Both Henry Glick and wife were worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

Philip Glick, father of our subject, was one of a family of 16 children and as he was the eldest, his educational opportunities in the new settlement were meager. When he was 18 years of age he went to Circleville to learn the trade of brewer and in 1838 rented a brewery which he ran until 1843, when he built a brewery of his own, on Hargus Creek, where he continued the business until 1868. In the meantime he had invested in land in Circleville township and on this he settled in 1868. This land came into his possession in 1855 and in 1860 he built the large brick home now occupied by his son, Jacob H. Glick. Here he died June 21, 1896. On September 13, 1842, he married Nancy Hoover, who died January 6, 1897.

Jacob H. Glick was one of a family of five children born to his parents. He was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the public schools of his native county. His valuable farm has been much improved through

his own efforts and is widely known as the "Shady Place Stock Farm," which is an excellent description. It is most favorably located and is particularly adapted to the raising of fine stock. Mr. Glick is known all over the county for the large yields of his fields and for the fine quality of his stock. He makes a specialty of the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and English Berkshire swine.

In 1887 Mr. Glick was married to Mrs. Mary (Murphy) Westenhaver, who was the widow of Joseph Westenhaver, and a daughter of Morris Murphy. Mrs. Westenhaver had two children by her former marriage—Minnie B. and Joseph Merton. Mr. Glick by a former marriage, with Ella Morrow, had one son, Turney, who married Effie Woolver. Mr. and Mrs. Glick have one son, Stanley. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Glick is an active member of the Knights of Pythias. He is one of the representative men of Circleville township.



ABRAHAM L. WEAVER, a well-known resident of Washington township, whose fine farm of 150 acres lies in Washington and Pickaway townships, was born in Washington township about a quarter of a mile southeast of his present home, in his father's pioneer log cabin, on September 7, 1832.

Jacob Weaver, father of Abraham L., was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of shoemaker. In young manhood he decided to seek a home in Ohio, and as he had no means of transportation he walked the distance from his native place to Pickaway County and after reaching Washington township, secured 40 acres of land for which he paid \$2 per acre. He worked at his trade until his land was paid for. He purchased the Pickaway township farm from a Mr. Warner, who had purchased it from the original owner, a Mr. Shook, who had partially redeemed it from the wilderness, building the log cabin in which our subject was

born. In 1836 Mr. Weaver tore down the old cabin and built a large brick residence which still stands and is owned by Noah Weaver, a brother of our subject. Mr. Shook engaged in the making of maple sugar and the industry could still be carried on here, probably with profit. The old farm also has a valuable stone quarry on it, which has always been a source of income.

Abraham L. Weaver was reared in Washington township, four acres of the farm being located here, and at the time of his father's death, in 1869, became the heir to the Pickaway township land also. He carries on a general line of farming and is one of the county's substantial men.

Mr. Weaver married Mary Ann Moore, who was a daughter of Caleb Moore, and they have had a family of seven children, viz.: Catherine Jane, wife of W. H. Shelby, of Circleville; Susan, who died aged 26 years; Caleb, who died aged 21 years; Clifford, who married Jessie Shook and operates the Pickaway township farm; Maria, who married Wilson Betz and died at the age of 22 years; Eugene, formerly of San Francisco, who passed through the horrors of the recent earthquake there; and Earl Wayne, who is a well-educated young man and fills the responsible position of draughtsman in a ladies' tailoring college at St. Louis. The mother of this family died in 1886. The grandchildren are: David, Russell M. and Earl Eugene. On February 22, 1900, Mr. Weaver was married (second) to Lida C. DeHaven, of Ross County, Ohio.

Mr. Weaver is practically retired from agricultural activity, his farm being capably managed by his son Clifford. For the past 18 years he has been a justice of the peace; he has also served in many other township offices, including that of trustee and as a member of the School Board. He is a staunch Democrat in his political views.

For the past quarter of a century Mr. Weaver has lived in the residence he still occupies. This farm has many claims to historic interest, many mounds existing here which have been, at various times, studied by scientists.

BLENN RIFE BALES, M. D., a rising physician and surgeon of Circleville, where he has lived since he was six years of age, is a native of Madison County, Ohio. He is a son of J. F. Bales, senior member of the firm of J. F. Bales & Son, of Circleville, extensive grain and hay dealers. A sketch of J. F. Bales appears on another page of this work. As our subject was reared and educated in Circleville, the community has followed his advancement with more than usual interest.

After graduating from the public schools of Circleville, in 1894, Dr. Bales taught school in Florida for a year, and afterward returned to Circleville in order to take a post-graduate course in the sciences. He then read medicine with Dr. T. B. Wright, preparatory to his matriculation at Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio. At the end of his second year in that institution, he enlisted in Company M, Fourth Regiment, Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, service in the Spanish-American War. Joining that command as a private, he was first placed in camp at Camp Bushnell, Columbus, Ohio; from there he was transferred to Fort Thomas, Georgia, thence to Guayama, Puerto Rico, and then was detailed for hospital service at Isabel Sigunda, Isle of Vieques, Puerto Rico. Although his work there was mostly of a surgical nature, his position in the military service was that of a private, and thus he was mustered out in February, 1899.

After his return from Puerto Rico, Dr. Bales re-entered Starling Medical College from which he was graduated in 1900. After a practice of two and a half years in Marietta, Ohio, he located at Circleville, where he is establishing a broad reputation in the special line of obstetrics.

In 1900 Dr. B. R. Bales was married to Mary E. Jones, daughter of Jesse A. Jones, a prominent coal dealer of Circleville. They are the parents of two children—Elizabeth Alice and Blenn Darwin. The Doctor is a member of the Starling Loving Fraternity, connected with his alma mater, and is identified with such orders as the Masons, Odd Fel-

lows, Elks, Red Men, Eagles and Woodmen of the World. He is a respected member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Circleville and a representative of his profession whose professional abilities and personal qualities promise a career of honorable success.



M. LEWIS, who has been engaged in the manufacture of brick at Circleville, for a number of years and is interested in other large business enterprises in the county, was born at Beverly, Ohio, July 3, 1845, and is a son of James Lewis, who was a well-known business man at Marietta, Ohio.

S. M. Lewis was six months old when his parents moved to Marietta, where he was reared and educated. In 1863 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, in Company C, 148th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., for 100 days and during the time he was out was at City Point and Bermuda Hundred. At the expiration of his first term of enlistment, he re-enlisted, entering Company C, 18th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and until he was honorably discharged, in August, 1865; his service was mainly in Georgia.

After returning from the army, Mr. Lewis followed the trade of bricklaying in Vinton County, Ohio, where he remained until June, 1870, when he came to Circleville. He continued to work at his trade for the next eight years and then embarked in the manufacture of brick on his own account. He now owns two plants, one of these being located at Circleville and the other at Ashville, where Mr. Lewis is also interested in the Cement Block & Brick Manufacturing Company. With others he is interested in erecting an artificial ice plant at Circleville.

In December, 1867, Mr. Lewis was married to Cynthia Vandaford, of Vinton County, Ohio, and they have the following children: Bertha; Lottie, wife of Wade Prentiss, of Columbus; Ella, wife of Guy G. Culp, of Circleville; and Dorothy, wife of Clyde King, of Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members

of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the subordinate lodge and to the encampment in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



WILLIAM H. SHUPE, one of the excellent farmers and well-known citizens who contribute largely to the agricultural prosperity of Salt Creek township, resides on his finely cultivated farm of 138 acres. Mr. Shupe was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, February 24, 1854, and is a son of John M. and Sarah (Valentine) Shupe.

The Shupe family is of German extraction and the first to settle in Ohio was Henry Shupe, probably from Maryland, who was one of the pioneers in Fairfield County. John M. Shupe, a son of Henry and the father of William H., was born in that county, married there and lived a quiet agricultural life until he died.

William H. Shupe grew to manhood in his native county, and obtained his education in the district schools. His life work has been farming and stock-raising and he has met with good success. In the fall of 1880 he came to Pickaway County and has been a resident of Salt Creek township ever since, taking a prominent place as a first-class citizen, as well as an experienced farmer.

On October 26, 1880, Mr. Shupe was married to Hannah Markel, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of the late Jacob Markel, who was a representative of one of the oldest and best established families of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Shupe have had eight children, namely: Emmett C., Harry L., Ralph M., Nellie G., Blanche, Oscar W., Marie H. and Millard D. The daughter Nellie G. and two of the sons, Harry L. and Ralph M., have been teachers in the public schools, and the last named is now taking a commercial course at the Bliss Business College, at Columbus, Ohio. The family is one of unusual mental attainments and is very prominent in the social life of the neighborhood.

Politically, Mr. Shupe is a Republican. He

has filled various local positions in the township and for eight consecutive years was a member of the Board of Education. His duties were faithfully performed and the excellence of the schools of Salt Creek township has more than once been noted in other parts of the county. Mr. Shupe and family belong to the German Reformed Church and are members of the congregation of the New Jerusalem Church, in Salt Creek township, in which Mr. Shupe has been a deacon for many years.

Since 1892 Mr. Shupe and family have resided on the present farm. They have one of the most satisfying and attractive homes in this section, which is situated on the highway not far distant from both Laurelvile and Adelphi. Its well laid out grounds and beautiful surroundings never fail to attract the passing traveler or to excite expressions of admiration. Mr. and Mrs. Shupe are very hospitable and have a wide circle of friends whom they frequently entertain.



WAYNE GRISWOLD LINDSEY, who is associated with his sons in the manufacture of fertilizers, resides on the old Lindsey home place in Circleville township, one mile north of the Court House in Circleville. Mr. Lindsey was born on Christmas Day, 1841, on his present farm, and is a son of John J. and Mary (Harman) Lindsey.

John J. Lindsey was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, and was about nine years old when he accompanied his father, John Lindsey, in 1819, to the Scioto River, where the elder operated a ferry for many years. It was in the old Lindsey ferry house that our subject was born. His grandfather bought 125 acres of land here, which holding was increased by his father to 225 acres, as it is at present. In 1860 John J. Lindsey built the handsome brick residence which is the home of Wayne G. Lindsey and family.

The Lindsey land possesses an interest beyond its fertility and fine location, for on it are found some of the freakish footsteps of



MR. AND MRS. HENRY W. SCHLEICH.

Nature, which have proved problems of great interest to many noted scientists. While not in the memory of living man has Nature shown her power in this locality, it is as evident here as in San Francisco, that in a far-back period, either volcanic action, an earthquake or the havoc of a glacier caused these peculiar openings in the ground which are locally called "kettle holes," from their resemblance to the domestic utensil. They have frequently been studied by scientists from all over the country, but these learned men are not united in their opinion as to their certain cause. They range from 15 to 50 feet in depth and make this section of Pickaway County an interesting field for those who are studying the results of seismic disturbances.

The parents of our subject reared 10 of their 12 children and nine of these still survive, Wayne G. being the third in order of birth and the next to the oldest living. The father died in 1875, the mother having passed away two years previously.

Wayne G. Lindsey was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools. He assisted his father greatly in the clearing of this land and in making the excellent improvements. On November 10, 1901, with his sons, Mr. Lindsey embarked in the fertilizer business, having a factory on his farm. He easily disposes of all of his output and the business is one of increasing importance.

On February 26, 1865, Mr. Lindsey was married to Keziah Fry, who is a daughter of John Fry, of Pickaway County, and children have been born to them, viz.: Ida, who married John Mogan, resides in Circleville and has seven children; George G., who married Georgie Mogan, resides in Deer Creek township and has seven children; Neville, who married Catherine Carle, resides in Jackson township and has four children; Nellie, who married Jefferson Davis, resides in Circleville and has four children; Lucy, who married Joseph Roney, resides at Circleville, and has seven children; John, unmarried, who resides on the home place; William L., who married Daisy Lust and left one child, on his death from typhoid fever, on October 4, 1905,

at the age of 27 years; Lyman, who married Sallie Miller, resides in Circleville township and has two children; and Wayne Sankey, who married Ella Stout and resides at Circleville.

With the exception of two years spent in Ross County, Mr. Lindsey has passed his whole life in Pickaway, where he is a very highly esteemed citizen. He has always given his support to the Democratic party, but has never taken any very active interest in politics. He has never cared for office but was elected assessor and served in that capacity for six years, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.



HENRY W. SCHLEICH, sheriff of Pickaway County, who has the record of never having lost a State case since he assumed the duties of this responsible office, is one of the leading citizens of Circleville. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 7, 1862, and is a son of William C. and Margaret (Work) Schleich.

The parents of our subject were farming people who were well and favorably known in Fairfield County. They removed to Pickaway County in 1876, locating in Monroe township, where the father purchased a farm. Here the father died October 8, 1879, leaving a family of five children.

Henry W. Schleich was reared and educated mainly in Pickaway County, where he became a practical farmer and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits until he was elected sheriff of Pickaway County, in 1904. In performing the duties of this office he has shown courage and fidelity and has won the confidence and respect of his law-abiding fellow-citizens, irrespective of party, although he is an active member in the Democratic ranks.

Mr. Schleich was united in marriage with Mattie M. Thompson and they have five children. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Modern Woodmen of America.

For 12 years he served as a member of the School Board, his duties in that body only ceasing when he assumed those of sheriff. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Schleich accompany this sketch.

FRANK HOFFMAN, a well-known business man at Circleville, a large dealer in lumber and operator of a planing mill, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, in August, 1858, and is a son of William Hoffman, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he was engaged as a carpenter through the greater part of his life.

Frank Hoffman resided in his native county until he was 15 years of age and obtained his early education there. From the age of 15 until he was 23, he was a resident of Salt Creek and Deer Creek townships, Pickaway County, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and then returned to Fairfield County, where he followed his trade until 1895. He then engaged in a lumber and planing mill business at Stoutsville, Fairfield County, for some years. In 1900 he came to Circleville and bought his present plant, established a large lumber yard and improved and newly equipped the planing mill. He has an excellent business here and in addition to it he owns considerable real estate.

In 1879 Mr. Hoffman was married to Calie Hosler, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio. They have five sons and two daughters, namely: Pearl, who is in business with his father; Myrtle, of Columbus; William, who is in business with his father; and Grace, Fred, Harley and Frank, all at home. Mr. Hoffman and family are valued and respected residents of the city.

DOUGLASS McABEE, a resident of Pickaway County for 21 years, now located on a good farm of 110½ acres in Wayne township, was born on January 3, 1861, in Ross County, Ohio, and is a son of Alexander and Mary (White) McAbee. Mr. McAbee's mother is

a daughter of Alexander White, for a number of years a Representative in the State Legislature from Hocking County.

In 1882 Mr. McAbee was united in marriage with Sarah Munsie, daughter of William Munsie, of Jackson County, Ohio. Her mother died when she was a small child. To Mr. and Mrs. Douglass McAbee seven children have been born: William, Maud, Clarence, Stella and Ella (twins), Earl and Leslie. All have been educated in School District No. 3, and three have taken the Boxwell examination. Mr. McAbee is domestic in his tastes and his fraternal connections are limited to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a good host and friends and visitors find many things in his household of great interest. Among other rarities are a number of Indian relics, in his possession being an old Indian corn-cracker, found by his son, and a large stone pipe, supposed to belong to the famous chief Logan. In politics he is a Democrat.

ENOS ZWAYER, the owner and operator of one of the finest farms in Madison township, consisting of 134 acres of well-improved land, was born June 29, 1840, in this township, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Dunkle) Zwayer.


Joseph Zwayer was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Thomas Zwayer, who moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, at a very early day and spent the rest of his life there. After his marriage, Joseph Zwayer settled on a farm in Madison township, Pickaway County, not far from Marcy, where he and his wife lived and died, respected residents of the section.

Enos Zwayer grew up on the home farm and was mainly educated in Pleasant Grove School, No. 1, Madison township, in association with many of those who are now settled around him on neighboring farms. He has always devoted himself to agriculture and has met with gratifying success.

Mr. Zwayer married Annie M. Cornman, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and

is a daughter of the late John Cormany, who died in Madison township, Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Zwayer have the following children living: George M., of Madison township; Elmer, of Fairfield County; Edward T., of Fairfield County; Harley M., of Franklin County; Orlando A., of Madison township; Ida M., wife of L. P. Moody, of Franklin County; Lillie A., wife of John Grimm, of Napoleon, Ohio; and Cora, wife of Harley Klinger, of Madison township. One child is deceased.


Mr. Zwayer has been established on his present farm since 1898. He has made his own way in the world and his present prosperity is due to his own industry and good management. He is well known all through his neighborhood and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. In politics he is a Democrat.

IMON P. BOLDOSER, a representative citizen and leading agriculturist of Pickaway County, has been a resident of Salem, in Pickaway township, for some 25 years, and owns valuable land both in this and in Salt Creek township. Mr. Boldoser was born May 29, 1849, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Cochrane) Boldoser.

The Boldoser family is of German extraction, but has been settled in America for several generations. Daniel Boldoser, our subject's father, was born in Pennsylvania, some 80 years ago, and he still survives, a hale and hearty resident of Clear Creek township, Fairfield County. He married Elizabeth Cochrane, who died in 1858, in Illinois.

When S. P. Boldoser was about six years old, his parents moved to Tazewell County, Illinois, where the mother died. After three years there, they lived in Iowa for a short time, and then the father and three children, one being our subject, settled in Fairfield County, Ohio. It was in the latter county that Mr. Boldoser completed his education. His occupation through life has been farming and stock-raising and he has met with good success.

On August 10, 1879, Simon P. Boldoser was married to Caroline Stump, who was born February 28, 1849, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Charles and Catherine (Swoyer) Stump, both of them natives of Ohio, of German extraction. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Stump resided in Salt Creek township, where they were held in high esteem and where they passed away in old age. Mr. and Mrs. Boldoser have two sons—Charles D. and Russell C.—both of whom are at home. Mr. Boldoser is one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of his locality and uses modern methods and machinery in carrying on his agricultural work. He was one of the first to introduce into Pickaway township a clover huller and other agricultural aids. Politically he is a Republican but is no seeker for office. During his long residence here he has enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens and is numbered with the township's valued men.

HARLES A. SMITH, who is engaged in a life insurance business at Circleville, was born in this city, March 14, 1866, and is a son of Joseph P. Smith, an extended sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work.

Charles A. Smith was reared at Circleville and attended the schools of this city and subsequently the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana. After completing his education, he became a bookkeeper in the Third National Bank of Circleville, where he continued for four years. In 1887 he made a trip to Denver, Colorado, and there saw a good business opening in the grocery line. He remained there until 1892 and then came back to his native city. He engaged in a life insurance business until 1897 and then went South in the interests of the Smith Mill Company, establishing a branch office at Norfolk, Virginia, and traveling for two and a half years through Virginia and North and South Carolina. In December, 1899, he returned to Circleville and

later assisted in organizing the Colonial Carriage Company, of which he is still a stockholder and of which he was secretary and treasurer for five years. Since then he has given his attention exclusively to life insurance, representing the Northwestern Mutual, of Milwaukee. His field is Pickaway and adjoining counties. He is an enterprising business man, with experience in several lines, and controls a large percentage of the life risks in this locality. Mr. Smith is, through appointment by the mayor, a member of the tax commission and one of the trustees of the sinking fund.

In June, 1899, Mr. Smith was married to Margaret A. Schleyer, who is a daughter of the late William Schleyer, formerly sheriff of Pickaway County and a very prominent citizen.

Mr. Smith is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

GEORGE W. HITLER. Pickaway County is noted for its many men of substance and reliability and for its rich agricultural districts. Among the old and prominent families settled in the vicinity of Circleville, that of Hitler takes a leading place. A prominent representative of this old Pennsylvania family, which has been established here for several generations, is George W. Hitler, who owns a fine stock farm of 150 acres, in Wayne township, on the Darby Plains. Mr. Hitler was born on April 29, 1845, in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of George and Hannah (Ludwig) Hitler.

The paternal grandparents of George W. Hitler were George and Susannah (Gay) Hitler, the former of whom was a native of Maryland and the latter probably of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. In 1793 the grandparents removed from Franklin to Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and there George Hitler, father of our subject, was born on September 27, 1798. In the year following the family emigrated to Ohio. In those days such a journey

was equal in adventure and anxious expectation to one which the traveler now plans around the globe. It is a matter of record that the Hitler wagon, which contained the family and their most cherished possessions, was the second one to enter the Scioto Valley. The country was but sparsely settled, the present busy city of Chillicothe being then represented by only a couple of log houses. Mr. Hitler settled for a time in rich bottom lands which proved wonderfully fertile but were subject to overflow, and it was not until 1804 that he located permanently in Washington township, Pickaway County, in which township both he and his wife died.

In 1819 George and Jacob Hitler, brothers, and sons of the above-named pioneer, bought a quarter-section of land in the southern part of Washington township and for many years they raised wheat here, ground it and shipped it in flatboats to New Orleans, the first trip being made by Jacob Hitler in 1819. During the succeeding 10 years the brothers carried on a profitable business. In its operation the brothers displayed excellent business faculty and superior judgment. The result of this and other business ventures made them both wealthy men. George Hitler acquired 1,000 acres of land. He was noted for his honesty and integrity and for the interest he took in all that pertained to the welfare of his family, his community and his State. He survived until 1884.

George W. Hitler, subject of this sketch, remained at home until he reached his majority, assisting his father on the home farm and in the meantime securing a fair district school education. After his marriage, in 1878, he took charge of the farm of 157 acres, and until 1890 he made it his home. In 1890 he erected his fine residence at Circleville. He is considered one of Pickaway County's substantial men in every sense of the word.

In 1878 Mr. Hitler was married to Ida Lutz, who was born in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Eli Lutz and a granddaughter of Jacob Lutz, who came to Pickaway County as a pioneer from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hitler died April

6, 1892, survived by three children, viz.: Bertha, Gay L. and Mary. Bertha is the wife of Gilbert Teegardin, a pharmacist of Circleville; they have one daughter—Evelyn.

Gay L. Hitler, the only surviving son of George W. Hitler, was born in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1882. He was educated at Circleville and graduated at the Everts High School in 1901, spent 1901-02 at Kenyon College and then entered the dental department of the University of Cincinnati. He was graduated there in 1905, with his degree of D. D. S., and after several months of practice at Bucyrus, settled at Circleville, in October, 1905. On November 3, 1905, Dr. Hitler was married to Mabel Long, who is a daughter of L. M. Long, of Circleville. The Doctor retains his fraternity memberships at college and university, still belonging to the Beta Theta Phi, at Kenyon College, and the Delta Sigma Delta, at the University of Cincinnati. He is also a member of the Elks.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY, owner of a good farm of 83 acres in Walnut township, is one of the old, substantial residents of his section of the county. He was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 1, 1845, and is a son of Rev. Joshua and Susan (Tanner) Montgomery, both natives of Maryland, who there reached mature years and were married. Later Rev. Joshua Montgomery and his wife came to Perry County, Ohio, and subsequently became residents of Pickaway County. In 1861 they settled in Pickaway township, but the following year moved into Walnut township. Mr. Montgomery was one of the best known clergymen of the United Brethren denomination in Ohio, his pastorate taking him into all parts of the State. He died in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1872, having moved thither in 1865; his wife survived him about eight years.

Thomas Montgomery has been self-supporting since he was nine years of age. Since early boyhood he has depended solely upon himself for advancement, and his continuous

progress and present independence are therefore all the more commendable. Since 1862 he has been a resident of Walnut township, with the exception of that period in his youth when he went to the front in the service of the Union. In 1885 he visited Oregon, California and other Western States, and in 1886 he took a trip to Washington, D. C., and visited Baltimore and the famous battle-ground of Gettysburg. He has never married and now rents the farm upon which he lives and which he purchased of Clayton Weaver in 1902.

NOAH WOOLEVER, who owns a valuable farm of 228 acres in Pickaway township, was born in Laurel township, Hocking County, Ohio, May 16, 1846, and is a son of John and Sarah (Rush) Woolever.

John Woolever was born in Warren County, New Jersey, and his father, Philip Woolever, was also born there, of German parentage. John Woolever married Sarah Rush, who was born and reared in Warren County, New Jersey, in which State her grandparents, who were natives of Germany, had settled prior to the Revolutionary War. In 1837 John Woolever and wife came to Hocking County, Ohio, accompanied by Mr. Woolever's aged father, and their daughter, Catherine. John Woolever entered 120 acres of land and on this homestead our subject was born, the fifth child in a family of 12. Nine of these reached maturity and eight still survive, Noah being the eldest of these. Both parents died in Hocking County.

Noah Woolever was 17 years old when he left the home farm in the fall of 1863. He went to work for a distant cousin, who was a resident of Pickaway County, and remained on the latter's farm until 1865, when he returned to Hocking County and the home farm. One year later he married and then settled on his father-in-law's place, on which he farmed for three years. In 1869 he returned to Pickaway township, taking the Simon Holderman farm, on which he lived for two years and then

moved to Circleville township and spent 18 years operating either the Jacob Valentine or the John C. Weaver farms.

In 1896 Mr. Woolever purchased a farm of 140 acres in Pickaway township and moved upon it and in 1903 he purchased 88 acres more. This property Mr. Woolever continued to improve as long as he resided upon it, making additions to the house, adding farm buildings, etc., and putting the land under a fine state of cultivation. On March 1, 1906, he purchased six acres of improved land in Circleville township and took possession of his new home on April 18. It is a very desirable tract and includes a good orchard and a commodious frame residence and barn.

On November 6, 1866, in Hocking County, Mr. Woolever was married to Mary A. Souders, a daughter of Noah Souders. She died in Pickaway township, July 5, 1905. She was the beloved mother of the following children: Clara B., who resides with her father; Cora Lucetta, who married F. M. Shook, of Urbana, Ohio, and has five children; Elsworth G., residing in Cleveland, who travels for the United States Biscuit Company; Hattie A., who married C. B. Shook, of Columbus and has three children; Mattie, who married Scott Scotthorn, resides in Ashville and has four children; and Effie L., who married T. M. Glick, and with her husband resides on the farm in Pickaway township owned by Mr. Woolever. Mr. Woolever is a member of the Mystic Circle. He is a man who made his own way in the world and secured independence and a competency through his own industry and good management. He is a highly respected citizen.

JOSEPH S. SMITH, president of the Ohio Cereal Company, of Circleville, a stockholder in the Third National Bank and one of the leading stockmen in this section of the State, was born at Circleville, in 1861, and is a son of Edward Smith, who was one of the early settlers and extensive farmers of Pickaway County, coming here at an early day from Canada with his parents.

Mr. Smith was educated at Circleville and at the University of Notre Dame, where he remained four years. Upon his return home, he assisted his father until he became a farmer and stock-raiser on his own account, residing meanwhile at home. He then became a member of the firm of J. S. Smith & Brothers, in the manufacture of corn meal. In 1893-94 the company built a mill for the manufacture of flour and meal and handled all kinds of grain and feed. This enterprise was carried on under the business style of the Smith Mill Company until it was consolidated with the milling concern known as the Crites Brothers Company, the new company being incorporated under the name of the Ohio Cereal Company. Joseph S. Smith became the president of this new company, which is one of the prospering concerns of Circleville.

With his two brothers, Mr. Smith forms the Ideal Stock Food Company, which manufactures the "Ideal" stock and poultry condition powders from a formula invented by Mr. Smith. It is, as its name indicates, an ideal remedy, originated by Mr. Smith through his long years of practical experience in the raising of fine blooded horses. He is connected with the Third National Bank of Circleville and he owns one of the finest and best-stocked farms in Pickaway County. It contains 600 acres and is largely devoted to the breeding of fine trotting horses and thoroughbred Short-horn cattle. He bred "Sunnyside," an animal which has a record of 2:15. His fine stallion "Wiltwood," has a record of 2:29½; he is a son of "Wilton," whose record is 2:19¼. A disastrous fire burned two of his finest barns and in the conflagration 18 of his finest horses perished. His stock is known for its excellence all over the State and many of his animals have distinguished themselves on the track.

In 1890 Mr. Smith was married to Mary M. Corcoran, who is a daughter of Thomas Corcoran, who was superintendent of the Sunday Creek and the Congo coal companies. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the following children: Mary (a student at St. Mary's, Shepard, Ohio), Edward L., Sarah E., Margaret I., Thomas Paul, Frances Louise and Rose Victoria. The family belong to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

ABRAMHAM JEFFERSON WILLIAMS, one of the large owners of land and extensive farmers and stock-raisers of Pickaway County, resides on a tract of 400 acres, which is about evenly divided by the Jackson and Muhlenberg township line and is situated on the Florence Chapel turnpike. He was born in Marion County, Ohio, April 23, 1850, and is a son of Abraham Jefferson Williams and a grandson of David Williams.

David Williams was born in Virginia and in young manhood removed to Franklin County, Ohio, where he subsequently died. That farm is now owned by Henry Williams, who is a cousin of our subject, and a son of Benjamin Williams.

Abraham Jefferson Williams, father of our subject, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, June 11, 1812, and lived there until after he was married and his two oldest children were born, when he moved to Marion County, where he died September 15, 1849, a few months before the birth of our subject. He owned 826 acres of land in Marion township, all in one body and in addition had 85 acres in timber. His family still own 826 acres in Marion County. He married Emma Trimble, who was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and died May 24, 1852, in Marion County, at the age of 39 years. During a visit at Chillicothe, she met Mr. Williams and they were married shortly afterward. Her parents were Robert and Maria Thimble. There were children born to this union, namely: Maria, born March 8, 1840, in Franklin County, who married Ira Uhler, a merchant at Marion, where he died June 6, 1891, survived by his widow and three sons and one daughter; Margaret, born in Franklin County, November 28, 1843, who is now a widow residing at Myerstown, Pennsylvania—one of her two children is living; Mary E., born November 26, 1846, who resides with her brother; Sarah Elizabeth, born in Marion County, October 21, 1848, who resides also in the old home with her brother; and Abraham Jefferson.

Abraham J. Williams was two years old when he became an orphan, and, with his two

sisters, Mary E. and Sarah Elizabeth, were brought to the present farm by an uncle and aunt, Felix and Mary (Williams) Renick. The uncle died October 29, 1883, aged 70 years, 10 months and 23 days, leaving this fine estate to the three children, he and his wife owning the farm jointly and having no children of their own. Mr. Renick and brother had bought the farm in partnership and Felix Renick's wife had later purchased his brother's interest. It is one of the fine estates of this locality, one generously endowed by Nature, fertile and watered by Darby Creek, which bounds it on the south and west. Mr. Williams devotes the whole of his time and attention to farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Williams has been a Republican all his life. He is a member and one of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Jackson township, which is located within a mile and a quarter of his home. With his sisters he is universally respected and esteemed throughout the neighborhood. All are single and have a wide and pleasant social circle.

RG. MCCOY, president of the Esmeralda Canning Company, of Circleville, and president and treasurer of the McCoy Canning Company, of Urbana, Ohio, is very prominently identified with the business interests of Pickaway County. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1851.

Mr. McCoy was reared in Ross County and was educated in the common schools. He continued to reside on a farm there until 1884, when he came to Jackson township, Pickaway County, and rented the Turney farm for a period of 15 years. At the end of 12 years he moved to Circleville, but he continued to operate the farm for three years longer.

Mr. McCoy is a man of business enterprise. He was one of the organizers and purchasers, with Mrs. Turney and J. M. Dunlap, of the business of the C. E. Sears Canning Company, which they operated until 1903, when Mr. McCoy sold his interest. In the spring of 1904

the Esmeralda Canning Company was organized and incorporated, under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a capital stock of \$100,000, with R. G. McCoy as president; James I. Smith as vice-president; Edward E. Smith as treasurer and Boyd Trout as secretary. The company built a fine plant for the canning of corn and tomatoes, with a capacity to turn out 150,000 cases or 300,000 dozen cans each season. In the year just passed the cannery was run to its full capacity. The company raises from one-half to two-thirds of their vegetables and the business is conducted on lines which insure the utmost excellence in all their output. Mr. McCoy organized the McCoy Canning Company at Urbana, Ohio, with a capital stock of \$100,000 and he is president and treasurer of the same. The plant is run under the same sanitary conditions as the one at Circleville and the products are their own advertisements. Mr. McCoy continues his interest in farming.

In 1876 Mr. McCoy was married to Emma F. Richhart, of Ross County, Ohio. They are members of the Presbyterian Church at Circleville.

FRED C. CLARK, who is coroner of Pickaway County and also conducts an undertaking business at Circleville, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, but was only a child when his parents removed to Columbus, where he was reared.

After completing the high school course at Columbus, Mr. Clark then studied the art and science of embalming for four years, his instructor being Dr. Carl L. Barnes. Then for two years Mr. Clark followed railroading on the Norfolk & Western Railway, after which he was employed as bookkeeper for one year by the Anti-Saloon League. From this position he went into the employ of Richard E. Jones, a very prominent undertaker and assisted him as embalmer for seven years.

On August 23, 1900, Mr. Clark came to Circleville and became associated with the undertaking house of H. H. Albaugh. In 1902 he was elected coroner of Pickaway County by a majority of 1,300 votes, receiving more than

any other candidate on the ticket. Again, in 1904, he led the ticket and has continued to fill the office ever since. He is a member of the Ohio State embalmers' examining board and holds license No. 1044 as a practicing embalmer in the State of Ohio.

Fraternally Mr. Clark is an Elk, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Daughters of Rebekah. Socially he is prominent in the Circleville Athletic Club. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

ELIJAH DELONG, one of the representative and substantial citizens of Salt Creek township, who resides on a finely-developed farm of 103½ acres—the old pioneer homestead—located in section 35, belongs to a family which came to this section when forests covered a great part of it and Indians were still numerous. Mr. Delong was born on this farm, on April 16, 1844, and is a son of Isaac and Catherine (Haynes) Delong.

It is probable that the Delong family originated in France and possibly its first settlers in America belonged to that great body of Huguenot refugees, who later became thoroughly American and from whom have come many useful and distinguished citizens. Andrew Delong, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Ohio in 1830, settling on the farm which is now occupied by his grandson, Elijah. Isaac Delong, father of Elijah, was 17 years of age at the time of the removal to Ohio, and spent the rest of his life here, dying May 2, 1887, in his 73rd year. He took an active part in the township's agricultural development and was a worthy and highly respected citizen. He belonged to the Reformed Church and subscribed to its rules of life. He married Catherine Haynes, who lived until July 20, 1903, being then in her 90th year. Of their six children, the survivors are: Leah, wife of George Withrow, of Polk County, Missouri; Elijah, of this sketch; Susan, wife of Samuel Karshner, of Hocking County, Ohio; and Jane, wife



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of John Hoffman, of Livingston County, Missouri. The mother of this family belonged to the Lutheran Church and lived to be one of its oldest members in this section.

Elijah Delong has devoted the larger part of his life to general farming and stock-raising, since he completed his schooling in the schools of Salt Creek township. With the exception of about 12 years spent in Piatt County, Illinois, during three years of which he was a county commissioner and 11 years a school trustee, Mr. Delong has spent his life on the old homestead. In addition to this farm of 103½ acres, he owns 100 acres in Ross County, 80 acres of this having been entered from the government by his grandfather, Andrew Delong, in 1830.

In 1866 Mr. Delong was married (first) to Dillie Wiggins, of Hocking County, Ohio, and two of their four children still survive, viz.: Nelson, of Hocking County, and Nina, wife of Thomas Mettler, of Laurelville, Ohio. In August, 1896, Mr. Delong was married (second) to Lillie Lutz, who is a daughter of George and Sarah E. (Critz) Lutz, and a granddaughter of the late Hon. Samuel Lutz, a pioneer and prominent citizen of Salt Creek township.

George Lutz, father of Mrs. Delong, is a well-known farmer and stock-raiser, whose farm is located in section 34, Salt Creek township. He was born in Salt Creek township, April 26, 1831, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Fetherolf) Lutz, and a grandson of Jacob Lutz, the founder of the family in Ohio. Samuel Lutz was born in Pennsylvania and was 14 years old when he accompanied his father to Salt Creek township, among the very earliest settlers. He was one of the early surveyors and did a great deal in this line in Pickaway and other counties. He laid out the town of McArthur, the county seat of Vinton County. His death occurred some years ago. He was a worthy member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Whisler. In his young manhood he served as a soldier in the War of 1812 and in middle life was elected several times as a member of the Ohio State Legislature. He reached the unusual age of 102 years.

On June 7, 1855, George Lutz married Sarah E. Critz, who was a daughter of the late John S. Critz, who was a well-known justice of the peace and prominent citizen of Salt Creek township, and Mrs. Delong is a daughter of this marriage.

Mr. Delong and wife both belong to the Reformed Church, in which he has been a deacon for many years. He is an upright, honest, public-spirited citizen who commands the respect and enjoys the esteem and confidence of a large body of his fellow-citizens.



EDWARD TIFFIN TOOTLE, one of the largest landowners and most prosperous farmers of the county, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, has resided on his homestead in Wayne township for a period of 35 years. His family estate in this township now consists of 465 acres; the remainder of the 700 acres of which he is owner lies in Deerfield and South Union townships, Ross County. The land is in two distinct farms—one in Pickaway and the other in Ross County. The home place has been in the possession of the Tootle family since 1857.

The old Tootle farm in Ross County is about seven miles southwest of the present home of our subject, and was settled by the grandfather, Thomas B. Tootle, who migrated from Maryland in 1805. He was accompanied by his father, Thomas Tootle, his mother and his younger brothers—John, Stewart and James. The father entered the land which is still held in the name of Edward Tiffin Tootle, but Thomas B., the eldest son, increased and improved it and became one of the wealthy and influential farmers of this section of the State. The great-great-grandfather of our subject, Nathan Tootle, came from England and settled in Maryland. He fought with the patriots in the Revolutionary War.

John, the second son of Thomas Tootle, did not become well known in Ohio, but traveled overland to Missouri while it was yet a frontier State of the great Western plains, es-

established a trading post, became a millionaire and died at St. Joseph. In that old, conservative, wealthy city many of his descendants still reside, now the owners of banks and mines and numbered among the affluent people of the place. Stewart, the third son, was a farmer in Ross County, where he married. He also removed to Missouri, but after his departure from Ohio, in 1850, all trace of him and his was lost. James, the fourth son of the family, lived out his life of single blessedness in Ross County, where he died at an advanced age.

Thomas B. Tootle, the oldest son, and the grandfather of our subject, married Mary Ann Rector, daughter of Spencer Rector. Her mother was Mary Tiffin, a sister of Edwin Tiffin, the first Governor of the State of Ohio; it is from this distinguished family that Edward Tiffin Tootle derives his middle name. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Tootle had the following children: John; James, the father of Edward T.; Isaac and Amos. Thomas B. Tootle was a soldier in the War of 1812.

James Tootle, the father, was born in Ross County, Ohio, August 11, 1814; was reared and educated in that county, and married Mary Clarkson, daughter of Major Clarkson, who served in the War of 1812—"Major" was his given name. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Tootle, namely: Milton Jackson, who resides in Monroe township; Edward Tiffin, the subject of this sketch; Eliza, the only daughter, residing on a farm in Ross County, who is the widow of Stewart Morrow; Monroe, who resided in Ross County, married, raised a family and died at the age of about 40 years—his widow still lives in that county; and Douglas, who is married and lives in Ross County.

Edward T. Tootle, our immediate subject, is a native of Ross County, this State, where he was born June 10, 1842. There he was educated and reached manhood, and in that county, also, he married Sarah Belle Fulton, immediately commencing domestic life on the farm which is still his homestead. At that time the land was nearly all covered with timber and very wet—almost a swamp—its only improve-

ment being a rough, round-log cabin of one room. Mr. Tootle cleared the timber from the land, drained it with thousands of rods of tile and transformed the log house into a comfortable dwelling, it being now one of the best frame residences in the township. In 1891, especially, he made many improvements, so that now his family enjoy all the modern conveniences of country life. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Tootle are all living, and are as follows: Leroy; Martha; Bessie, who married Robert Parrett, a farmer residing near Greenfield, Ross County, and has two children—Elizabeth and Margaret; Mary and James R. The mother of the family died in 1883.

Besides superintending his extensive farming and landed interests with energy and ability, Mr. Tootle has for many years been prominent in the conduct of township affairs. He has been particularly interested in educational matters, having continuously served upon the Board of Education since 1886. He has also been a justice of the peace for two terms, or a period of six years, and at various times has filled the office of township trustee. In politics he is a Democrat. In Masonry, Mr. Tootle is a Knight Templar, and altogether is a citizen of high standing and unassailable character.




OSCAR ELLSWORTH BUMGARNER, who is engaged in stock-raising and dairying in Harrison township, was born September 24, 1865, in Pike County, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Mary Bumgarner.

Joseph Bumgarner, who was born and reared in Pike County, was a son of Abraham and Jane Bumgarner, who were natives of Ohio and residents of Pike County. Joseph Bumgarner, was a farmer all his life and died in the fall of 1903 at the age of 65 years. His wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1894, aged 51 years.

Mr. Bumgarner was reared on his father's farm in Pike County and received a common-school education. He lived for three years

in Wayne County, Iowa, whither his parents moved, and then returned to Pike County. Mr. Bumgarner has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1895 he moved to the Zwicker farm on Lover's Lane near Circleville, where he resided for one year. In 1896 he moved to the James H. Valentine farm of about 125 acres, two miles north of Ashville in Harrison township, which he has since been engaged in operating. He is especially interested in stock-raising and dairying. He keeps 13 head of horses and from 10 to 12 milch cows.


Mr. Bumgarner was married in the fall of 1892 to Kate Vogel, a daughter of Martin Vogel, of Pike County, Ohio. Four children have blessed their union, namely: Walter O., Dorsey L., Albert Harold and Orville E., all of whom are living at home.

 H. EVANS. For many years the late S. H. Evans was one of the prominent farmers and highly respected citizens of Pickaway township. He belonged to one of the old pioneer families of this section which increased and flourished in that favored part of the Scioto Valley known as the Pickaway Plains. There he was born in 1859.

Mr. Evans enjoyed educational advantages in his native locality, in the schools at Circleville and later in a business college at Columbus. His life was mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits and his death took place on the homestead farm of 300 acres, in 1894. This farm is one of the best improved farms and one of the most valuable on the Pickaway Plains.

Mr. Evans was married in 1886 to Alice Niles, daughter of O. E. Niles, who is one of the most prominent pioneer citizens of Circleville. Mrs. Evans still survives and resides on her beautiful farm in Pickaway township.

Mr. Evans stood very high in public esteem. In all important matters concerning the township his will and judgment were always more or less consulted and his death was a distinct loss to his family and community.

 OHN HIATT, who owns and operates a valuable farm of 73 acres in Salt Creek township, in the vicinity of Tarlton, is one of the reliable, representative citizens of this section. He was born in Hocking County, Ohio, February 19, 1839, and is a son of Ezra and Mary (Poling) Hiatt.

In Hocking County the Hiatt family is a well-known one, having been settled there for several generations. The paternal grandmother of our subject was a very remarkable woman. She had been educated in Eastern schools, was capable and became a perfect type of a brave, efficient pioneer woman in what was then the far west. Her memory and that of many events of her long life which extended almost over a century, is preserved by the families of other old settlers of that county, who learned to know her value in the hardships and sometimes the tragedies which fell upon pioneer neighborhoods.

Until he was 17 years old, John Hiatt lived in Hocking County, where he obtained his education in the district schools. He then came to Pickaway County and followed farming until the outbreak of the Civil War. On July 17, 1861, Mr. Hiatt enlisted in Company A, 27th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., which became a part of the Western Army, operating at that time in Missouri. On November 6, 1861, Mr. Hiatt was made a prisoner, in Jackson County, Missouri. Subsequently he was released and returned to his regiment where he was mustered out, being forced to take the oath of allegiance. He then returned to Pickaway County, where he engaged in farming on John Boggs' farm in Pickaway township.

On December 25, 1865, Mr. Hiatt was married to Sarah Call, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and five children were born to them, namely: Charles D., of Whiting, Indiana; William P., of Salt Creek township; Alva C., general merchant at Amanda, Ohio; Harley G., also of Amanda, a member of the mercantile firm of Hiatt Brothers; and Della, wife of Charles F. Kreider, a well-known educator.

In the spring of 1865, Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt

moved to Hocking County, where Mr. Hiatt engaged in farming and stock-raising for about 18 years. In 1884 he returned to Pickaway County, and, with the exception of a very short period of residence in Ross County, has resided ever since in Salt Creek township. In addition to his good farm, he has other real estate, and, although an entirely self-made man, is one of the substantial and successful ones of this section of the county.

Mr. Hiatt is a member of Groce Post G. A. R., at Circleville, where the memorable days of the Civil War are frequently recalled by those who were participants. In political sentiment he is a Republican. For many years he has been a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a trustee and a class leader in the church at Tarlton.

ANDREW METZGER, president of the Board of County Commissioners, of Pickaway County, is one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of this section and owns a large and productive farm in Wayne township. He was born in Pickaway County, in 1841, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Zeimer) Metzger.

John Metzger, the paternal grandfather of Mr. Metzger, came from Pennsylvania at a very early day and settled in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where the family has been prominent for many years as agriculturists. The father of our subject was born in Washington township in 1808 and died in June, 1868.

Andrew Metzger was reared and educated in Washington township, where he continued to live until 1875, when he took up his residence in Wayne township, where he has been prominent both as a farmer and stock-raiser, and also in political life. For some 20 years he served as trustee of Wayne township and in the fall of 1902 he was chosen a member of the Board of County Commissioners. Public approval of his services was shown when he was re-elected to the office in 1905 and made president of the board. He is a very well

known man and commands the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

On February 27, 1873, Mr. Metzger was married to Mary Elizabeth Haswell, a daughter of Joseph Haswell, who was an old settler of Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger have two children living, viz.: Benjamin, engaged in farming in Jackson township, who married Stella Adkins and has two children—Esta and Walter; and Joseph, a farmer in Wayne township, who married Leota Zurmely, and has one son—Andrew. William, the second son of our subject, was born in 1876 and died in 1887.

JOHN WESLEY LANE, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of Scioto township, residing one and a half miles west of Commercial Point on his valuable farm of 105 acres, was born June 25, 1861, in the vicinity of his present home, and is a son of James M. and Lucinda (Wheeler) Lane.

John Wesley Lane, the paternal grandfather, whose honored name our subject bears, was born in Virginia and there married Sarah McCord. Both families crossed the mountains in covered wagons and came to the vicinity of Commercial Point, being among the very early pioneers in this section. The grandparents lived to be 88 years of age.

John Wesley Lane is one of a family of eight children born to his parents, namely: Benjamin Franklin, deceased; John W., of this sketch; Emma Jane, wife of James R. Borrer, of Franklin County; James Edwin, a resident of Toronto, Canada; William A., deceased; and Horatio Nelson.

For the past 15 years Mr. Lane has resided upon his present farm, which was improved when he purchased it. It was formerly known as the Coontz farm. He carries on general farming and dairying, keeping a large herd of Jersey cows and selling his milk and butter at Columbus. Since leaving school, he has been continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits and is ranked with the township's most successful men.

Mr. Lane was married on December 27, 1883, to Sarah F. Peterson, who is a daughter of Thomas and Caroline Peterson, the former of whom was born in Franklin and the latter in Pickaway County. They have two sons and four daughters, viz.: Lucy May and Leah Blanche who were educated in the township schools; Pearl Marie, Carrie Wanda, Horace M. and John Lawrence, all at home.

Mr. Lane, like his father and grandfather, has always been identified with the Democratic party. He served two years as township assessor and then declined to serve longer. For a number of years he has been a member of the School Board, both under the old and the new law. He is an honorable, upright man and a representative citizen of his township and community. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.



HARLES T. NEFF, who is known as an expert horseshoer and who has conducted a general blacksmithing business at Darbyville for the past six years, was born in

Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 28, 1871, and is a son of Nathaniel and Samantha (Thornton) Neff.

The grandparents of our subject were George Enoch and Pauline Neff, who came to Darby township, Pickaway County, at a very early day, about 1845, and lived and died in Darby township. They had seven children, Nathaniel being the third in order of birth. He was reared and married in Darby township, but in 1878 moved to Muhlenberg township. He and his wife still reside on their farm near Pherson.

The children of Nathaniel and Samantha Neff were: William, of Monroe township; Charles T., of this sketch; Homer, of Monroe township; Laura, wife of Willard Whiteside, of Darby township; Elmer, of Monroe township; and George, who is still in school.

Charles T. Neff was seven years old when his parents settled in Muhlenberg township. He remained at home, assisting on the farm

and attending school until he was 17 years old, when he went to Pherson and learned the blacksmith's trade with J. J. McLaughlin, with whom he remained at work for 11 years, being his employer's right-hand man. He then started into business for himself at Darbyville and enjoys a large trade. He owns his home and his shop and is looked upon as one of the town's successful business men.

On February 27, 1896, Mr. Neff was united in marriage with Mary Kern, who was born in Deerfield township, Ross County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Philip and Magdalene Kern, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Ohio. The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Neff are: Charles K., Philip, Maria M. and Francis E. The family belong to the Lutheran Church at Lick Run.

Politically Mr. Neff is a Republican and the esteem and confidence with which he is regarded by his fellow-citizens has been shown by his election as a member of the Village Council and as a member of the School Board.



COL. SAMUEL ASBURY MOORE was born in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 1, 1816, and died October 3, 1902, on the same lot where he was born 86

years before. William Moore, his father, had purchased the land from which the town was platted in 1810, six years previous to Colonel Moore's birth. Few people live to the age of 86 with all their faculties practically unimpaired, and fewer still at that age enter the final darkness from the very locality where they first saw the light of earth.

As the town was only six years his senior, Colonel Moore and Circleville were children together. At an early age he became an important part of its life, doing much, and in many ways, to assist its growth and healthful prosperity. He was engaged in various mercantile pursuits, and for two terms served as clerk of the courts of Pickaway County. It was while in the service of the county that he

claimed to have learned his accurate business methods, for which he was noted and which were a primary source of his success in life.

In 1839 Colonel Moore was married to Harriet Melissa Short, by whom he had a son and a daughter. His first wife died in 1842, and in 1843 he was united to Harriet Maria Doane. They became the parents of four sons and one daughter, and in 1874 the second Mrs. Moore died, four of her children having preceded her. In 1885, their last child, Edward Doane Moore, also passed to the great beyond.

Colonel Moore was not only the most prominent and public-spirited citizen of Circleville, but one of the most active and enterprising men of Pickaway County—universally respected, honored and admired, and by intimate association inspiring a deep feeling of affection and love. After passing the meridian of life and, from a successful business career, amply providing for the wants of old age, he retired from the world's activities and devoted himself to such reading and recreation as gratified his good taste and pleased his sound judgment. His well selected library attested to the broadness of his studies and the thorough cultivation of his mind.

In politics Colonel Moore was either Whig or Republican. At the time of his death he was the oldest subscriber to the *Union Herald*, formerly the *Olive Branch*, the oldest Republican newspaper in the county. Before the Civil War he was an Abolitionist, and many colored slaves, fleeing from their Southern masters to Canada, were helped along the "Underground Railroad" by his good advice and better money. And his treatment of the black fugitive was in line with his attitude toward his home community. He was a good talker—even a brilliant conversationalist—and his advice was given and highly valued; but his assistance did not end at this stage. He gave of his time, his energies and his substance, in the furtherance of enterprises which promised to advance the community in material or moral life. He therefore touched men on all sides, and also many kinds of men, with the result that all classes of the community, besides the immediate circle of his friends, felt that his

death was a personal and a permanent bereavement.

EDWARD DOANE MOORE, D. D. S., was born in Circleville, this county, and was here reared and educated. After graduating from its High School, he was for some time a student at Kenyon College, and later pursued a course in a Philadelphia dental college from which he obtained his degree of D. D. S. It was in the '60's that he returned to Circleville to practice his profession, associating himself for that purpose with Dr. E. C. Clarke.

In 1869 Dr. Edward Doane Moore was married to Fannie M. Stribling, a daughter of Dr. Magnus Stribling, and afterwards located at Eureka, Kansas, where, besides establishing a lucrative professional business, he engaged in banking. After a residence of about two years there, on account of the age of his father, Colonel Moore, he returned to Circleville to look after the latter's business interests. Among the enterprises which he owned and conducted from that time until his death in 1885 was the artificial gas plant.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Doane Moore were the parents of three children: Archie Moore, who died when a small child, while they were residents of Kansas; Mabel Rose, the wife of Percy A. Walling, an attorney of Circleville and the son of Ansel T. Walling, ex-Congressman from this district; and Howard B. Moore, also a lawyer of this city.

HOWARD BENFORD MOORE, LL. B., is a native of Circleville, where he was born in the year 1876. He was reared in the city, passed through its common and high schools, and graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, New York, with the degree A. B. Leaving that institution in 1899, he entered Harvard Law School, where, in 1902, he obtained his degree of Bachelor of Laws. For more than a year thereafter he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Knoxville, Tennessee. On account of ill health he then returned to Circleville, where he has since successfully continued his professional work, besides holding the position of secretary of the Circleville Light & Power Company.

Mr. Moore is an influential Republican of

his section of the county, and at the last election was the candidate of his party for the office of prosecuting attorney. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks, and a Kappa Alpha, of Hobart College. He is also actively identified with the work of St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he is a member of the board of vestrymen and secretary.

HARVEY REICHELDERFER, whose well-cultivated farm of 143 acres is situated in Salt Creek township, was born in this township, April 4, 1852, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Mowery) Reichelderfer.

The Reichelderfer family was established in Pickaway County, Ohio, by Joseph Reichelderfer, the grandfather, who brought his family from Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was one of the early settlers of Salt Creek township, where the rest of his life was spent. His son, also named Joseph Reichelderfer, the father of our subject, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was seven years old when he accompanied his parents to Salt Creek township, where he grew to manhood and assisted his father in developing the pioneer farm. Both were men of substantial character, exemplary in life and honorable in all business transactions. They were members of the German Lutheran Church. The children of Joseph and Sarah (Mowery) Reichelderfer were seven in number, and of these four survive, namely: Harvey; Eli, of Salt Creek township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Sarah E., wife of Otis Harman, of Salt Creek township; and Mary J., wife of Joseph Crawford, of Nodaway County, Missouri.

Harvey Reichelderfer was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the district schools of Salt Creek township. With thorough home training, he developed into an excellent farmer and has devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture. His farm is managed carefully and intelligently and each year sees it under a little better state of cultivation and with added improvements.

On October 10, 1876, Mr. Reichelderfer was married to Flora B. Clendening, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Joseph Clendening, now a resident of Salt Creek township. The children born to this marriage were: Mary M., Bertha (deceased), Nellie G., Earl E. and Olive B.

Politically Mr. Reichelderfer has always been an adherent of the Democratic party. As one of the responsible, intelligent men of his community, he has been frequently elected school director of District No. 3 and has performed the duties of the office to the best interests of all concerned. His judgment is often consulted in township affairs. He belongs to the United Evangelical Association and has been a trustee of Pleasant View Church. Mrs. Reichelderfer is a member of the Dresbach United Brethren Church, as are all of the children. The whole family is one for which friendship and esteem is entertained throughout their neighborhood.

RED LEWIS ALBRIGHT, one of the leading citizens and representative farmers of Monroe township, who owns a magnificent farm of 360 acres of rich land here, was born in Mecklenberg, Germany, and is a son of John and Mary Albright.

The life history of Mr. Albright is as interesting as a story of fiction. It began in a little German village which belonged to one of the large landowners of that section of the country, in which his peasant parents lived as had their parents before them, happy and contented. It is very probable that when they learned that their son had an ambition to leave the confines of his native hamlet, that their parental fears saw only his ultimate ruin. The time came, however, when they not only felt satisfied with what he had done in his youth, but were happy to join him in his prosperity, far from their old home, and in their old age were cared for and provided for by his filial bounty. The father died in 1895 and the mother two years later.

Mr. Albright was not the only child born

to his parents, nor the only one to come to America. Lena, born in Germany, was there married to John Bagro, with whom she came to Ohio, where he died; she now lives at Columbus. Anna married John Martin, in America, and lives at Columbus. Augusta married Valentine Brigold and they live in Missouri. Rebecca married Joseph Long and they live at Columbus. Minnie married Frank Debold and they live on a farm near New Holland in Pickaway County.

As intimated, Fred Lewis Albright was born of poor parents and had no future to look to except what he could provide for himself. He was industrious and as soon as he was able to work found employment with neighboring farmers who tilled small farms and were not able to pay very much for the assistance they received. In the local schools the youth was afforded an excellent education in his own language, a gift every German boy receives from his government, and probably because he was more intelligent than many of his companions he was more ambitious. For a long time he had entertained a determination to leave Germany and seek his fortune across the Atlantic. His opportunity came about the time of the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War, when he was 19 years of age. He enlisted the sympathy of an uncle who lent him enough money to pay his passage to America, and one night he slipped away from the sleeping little village and started, alone and but poorly equipped, to take his chances with thousands of other emigrants entering the United States.

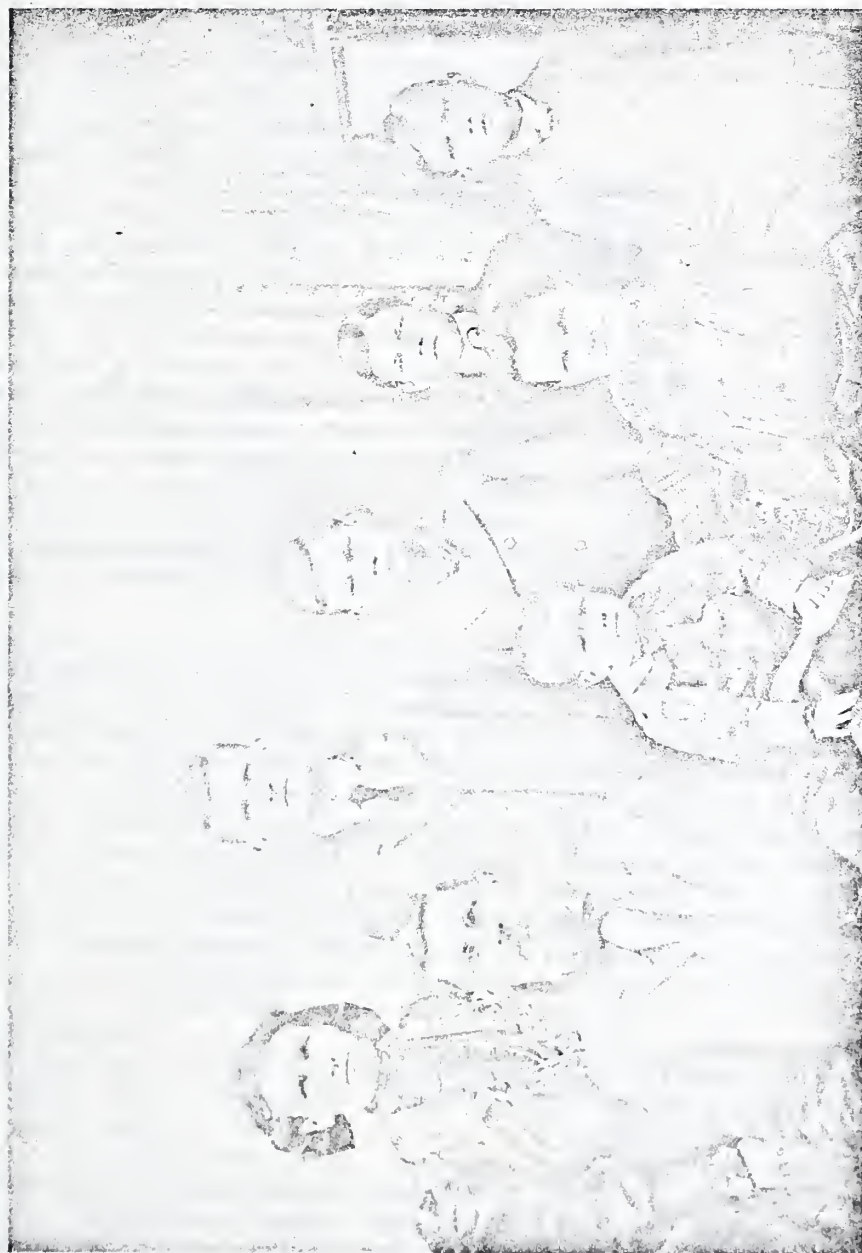
That Mr. Albright should have succeeded so well when he had so much to contend with, is nothing less than remarkable. When he landed in New York, in November, 1871, he could speak no English and but a small portion of his borrowed capital remained. He had heard that there were many Germans settled at Columbus, Ohio, and he made that city his objective point and arrived, tired, foot-sore, and hungry, at the Snyder House, Columbus, on Saturday night, December 7, 1871. He had just five cents in his pocket. The proprietor of the hostelry was a German and he kindly took care of his young countryman until Mon-

day morning and then encouraged him to start out through Pickaway County and seek work with the farmers. This advice Mr. Albright followed and on the second day was employed by Peter Hall, a farmer of Madison township. He remained with this worthy farmer for four years or more and then went into business for himself, renting a farm from a Mr. Conklin, which he operated for three years.

In the meantime the young German's thrift and industry had brought about results. Some of the first money he earned he sent to his father and mother to provide for their passage to this country. They joined him in 1875 and the mother kept house for him for some 10 years. Later he rented the David Brobst farm. After living on this place for five years, he married, after which he continued to reside on the farm for five more years. In 1888 he rented his present farm which was then owned by John Schook, and after operating it for four years purchased it in 1892.

When Mr. Albright first came to his farm he found a log house here which he repaired so that it served as a home for the family until 1903, when he built what is one of the finest, most complete modern homes in all the rural regions of Pickaway County. It is substantially constructed of seasoned timbers, contains 15 rooms, has hot and cold water throughout and is lighted by 21 acetylene gas lights. A cement cellar extends under the whole of the house. Mr. Albright spent fully \$4,000 in the building of this beautiful home, and he has equipped it with everything to make it comfortable. In order to accommodate his crops and herds, his stock and machinery. Mr. Albright has provided a great deal of barn room and has built a new barn every year since he completed his fine house, having more barn space for the acreage than any other farmer in the county.

Mr. Albright at present writing has 100 acres devoted to grass, 100 to corn and over 100 to wheat. To give plenty of space to his stock, he has a pasture of 50 acres. He raises thorough-bred horses, cattle and hogs. He owns some imported horses, one in particular for which he paid at the rate of \$1 per pound.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. SARK AND FAMILY.

In the raising of stock as in everything else he does, Mr. Albright is thorough. He has always believed that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He has never spared himself, having worked hard from the time he landed in Pickaway County, and naturally is of the opinion that persistent industry, combined with perfect honesty, will be pretty certain to bring about satisfactory results. He did not receive much encouragement from those who wished him well when he first purchased his present farm, but his foresight proved better than theirs. His farm is now considered the finest land in Monroe township and if put on the market would command the highest price. He has every reason to be proud of his success since he became an American citizen. One of his first cares was to relieve himself from the debt he owed his uncle, along with the filial treatment of his parents as noted above, and in subsequent business transactions he has always sustained his reputation for unblemished integrity.

In 1885 Mr. Albright was married to Adda Longenbaugh, who is a daughter of Enos and Samantha (Allen) (Glick) Longenbaugh, the Longenbaugh family having been established in Ohio by immigrants from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Albright's parents were born in Pickaway County and now reside at Ashville, where the father is a blacksmith. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Longenbaugh were: Emma, now deceased, who was the wife of Elmer Brinker; Edward, deceased at the age of 23 years; Lula, deceased at the age of 14 years; and Adda (Mrs. Albright), who was born August 20, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright have two children, viz.: Grace, born in September, 1886; and John, born October 3, 1888.

Mr. Albright has never been a very active politician, but has always taken a great deal of interest in educational matters and in all movements relating to local improvements. He is now serving as one of the directors of his school district. The road along which he lives was named for him on account of the vigorous fight he made to have it put through; it is one of the most traveled highways in the town-

ship and one of the greatest conveniences the farmers enjoy. Mr. Albright has been a Mason for many years and has attained to the rank of Knight Templar. Few citizens of the western section of Pickaway County are better known or more thoroughly respected than he.

JOHAN H. SARK, one of Walnut township's representative farmers, residing on his valuable farm of 121 acres, situated in section 17, Walnut township, was born in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 27, 1863, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Marburger) Sark. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in England and died in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Sark was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and came in young manhood to Pickaway County. Later he married Mary Marburger, who was also born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of George Marburger, a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, who walked from Pennsylvania to Fairfield County, Ohio, located land in Amanda township and there died at the remarkable age of 101 years and six months. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sark had a family of five children born to them, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The four children that grew to maturity are as follows: John H.; Samuel M., superintendent of the schools of Darby township, who married Mary B. Thomas; William, of Scioto township, who married Julia Burton; and Charles, of Walnut township, who married Florence Martin. After the death of Isaac Sark, his widow married George A. Kashner, a resident of Circleville.

John H. Sark was taken to Indiana in childhood and lived there for some 18 months and then was brought back to Walnut township. He was educated in the schools of districts 1 and 4, and spent two winters at St. Paul, Madison township. This completed his educational opportunities. His life has always been an agricultural one. For the first eight years of individual effort, he received only his board and clothes. In the meantime, however, he had

become a practical farmer and when he was ready to purchase land of his own he had saved the capital and possessed the judgment to secure good farming property. In 1892 he bought 90 acres of William Peters and in March, 1905, he added 31 acres, purchased of Josiah Ward. In addition to operating his own land, he rents 290 acres of James Ward. He bears the reputation of being one of the careful and successful farmers of his locality. He is a self-made man in every essential, having honestly earned through industry all he possesses. Neither inheritance nor speculation have had anything to do with his accumulation of a competency or with his securing the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Sark was married in 1886 to Ann Markwood, a daughter of James Markwood, and they have six children, namely: Claude, Clara, Arthur, Leonard, Howard and Guy. Mr. Sark is giving his children all the advantages in his power, these being far in excess of those of his own youth. A group picture of the Sark family accompanies this sketch.

Politically Mr. Sark is a Republican and is a member of the executive party organization in Walnut township. While ever ready to further the political aspirations of his friends, he has never consented to hold office himself. He belongs to the Grange, having joined this body in 1881, when but 18 years of age, and he has always been interested in its work. For 16 years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to the affiliated society known as Daughters of Rebekah. He is a Mason and belongs to the Circleville Commandery. Mr. Sark also enjoys membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

CHARLES EDGAR BLAKELEY, owner and proprietor of the only undertaking establishment in Ashville, was born at Quincy, Logan County, Ohio, on October 7, 1878, and is a son of George Henry and Elizabeth (Berdett) (Patton) Blakeley. He is of Scotch-Irish descent. His paternal grandparents

came from the North of Ireland early in the last century.

George Henry Blakeley was born October 10, 1851, in Franklin County, Ohio, but spent the greater part of his life in Logan County, and is at present a resident of Columbus, Ohio. His wife was born December 5, 1844 and died December 19, 1882. They had two children: Charles Edgar, of this sketch; and William Henry, born February 9, 1882, who is a resident of Columbus, Ohio.

Charles E. Blakeley attended the public schools of Columbus, Ohio, leaving when 17 years old to enter the undertaking establishment of John J. Mank, a funeral director of Columbus. He afterwards went to work for H. A. Pletcher of Columbus, where he remained until March 1, 1900, when he located in Ashville where he opened an establishment for himself where he has a large patronage, conducting all the funerals in his section of the county. Mr. Blakeley owns a large attractive residence, elegantly furnished, which is one of the most modern of the many handsome residences in Ashville.

Mr. Blakeley was married October 7, 1900, to Harriette Ogden Mautz, a daughter of G. W. and Phoebe (Beaver) Mautz, residents of Columbus, Ohio. They have one child, George Emerson, who was born June 25, 1902. Mr. Blakeley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ashville. Fraternally, he is a member of the Pickaway Lodge, F. & A. M., at Circleville, and of Palmetto Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Ashville.

AMOS DUNKEL, a prominent farmer and representative citizen of Pickaway County, who owns a valuable farm of 294 acres of fertile land in Washington and Circleville townships, was born September 25, 1827, in what was then Washington but is now Circleville township. His parents were Jacob and Mary (Markel) Dunkel, both natives of Berks County, Pennsylvania.

The Dunkel family in Ohio dates back to 1802, at which time John Dunkel, the grand-

father of Amos Dunkel, entered land in Pickaway County, being a resident then of Pennsylvania. He proposed to settle on this land but the illness of his father prevented and he remained in Pennsylvania until the War of 1812, in which he took part. After its settlement in 1815, John Dunkel came to his land, bringing with him his son Jacob, who was then a boy of 15 years, his birth having taken place in Pennsylvania, February 28, 1800. John Dunkel settled in Salt Creek township but did not live long enough to develop the land he had owned so many years. He was buried in Salt Creek township.

Jacob Dunkel was married in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, to Mary Markel and then removed to Washington township, now Circleville township, and here he lived until his death in 1881. He was a well-known and respected citizen. His wife died in 1861.

Amos Dunkel was reared in his native country and was educated in the district schools. He was trained to be a practical farmer and agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention all his life. After his marriage in 1852, he moved to his farm in the eastern part of Washington township, which was then the property of his father-in-law, Isaac Stout. He lived on that place for four years and then moved on a farm in Circleville township now occupied by his son, where he remained for 23 years. In 1879 he moved to his present farm in section 16, Washington township. His land is thus divided: One farm, of 184 acres, on which he lives, is in section 16, Washington township; another farm of 51 acres, is situated on the east side of the township, on the county line; and a third tract, of 60 acres, is situated in Circleville township. Mr. Dunkel has taken a great deal of pride in his fine properties and has put valuable improvements on them. Almost all the old buildings have been removed and a commodious frame house and substantial barn and other buildings have taken their place. This is one of the representative homes of the locality, where thrift and good management are apparent.

In 1852 Mr. Dunkel was married to Cath-

erine Stout, daughter of Isaac Stout, and they have had 10 children, viz.: Isaac, who resides with his family on his father's Circleville township farm; Malinda, who resides at home; Mary, who married Allen Boyer and lives on the farm owned by Mr. Dunkel in Washington township; William, who died aged three years; Amos, who lives with his family on the farm on which his father was born; Abraham, who died in infancy; Thomas, who lives on his farm of 84 acres in Allen County, Indiana; and Catherine, who married Lewis Hann and lives in Circleville.

Mr. Dunkel has been a life-long Democrat but he has never been anxious for office, consenting, however, to serve one term as trustee of Washington township. He is one of the most highly respected men of the locality.




GEORGE W. LINDSAY, junior member of the law firm of Snyder & Lindsay, which controls a large and reputable practice at Circleville, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, December 15, 1878, and is a son of Nelson Lindsay.

The father of Mr. Lindsay moved from Hocking to Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1881, settling in Scioto township, where he continues to live, being one of the leading farmers of that section.

George W. Lindsay was reared from the age of four years in Pickaway County and completed the common and high school courses at Commercial Point. For one year subsequently he was principal of the Orient schools and then entered the Ohio State University for two years, completing his education in the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee, in 1903. He received his degree of Master of Laws from the law department of the University of Michigan, in 1904. He was admitted to the bar on December 6, 1902. For a short season he was located at Tampa, Florida, but in April, 1905, he returned to Ohio and formed a partnership with L. F. Wegerly, at Circleville. This firm was dissolved May 31, 1906, Mr. Wegerly accepting a position in

Houston, Texas, and Mr. Lindsay entering into partnership with Irvin F. Snyder.

In political sentiments, Mr. Lindsay is a Republican. He has taken an active interest in party matters and has been a delegate to State conventions. Fraternally he is an Elk and a Knight of Pythias and he retains his pleasant college associations, being in active membership with the Phi Kappa Alpha and the Delta Chi. Mr. Lindsay is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

EORGE WILLIAM GEPHART, a substantial farmer of Deer Creek township, and identified with its public affairs, was born in Circleville, December 27, 1843, and is a son of Abram F. and Elizabeth (Keffler) Gephart. The grandfather, Bernhard Gephart, died a short time prior to the migration of the family to Pickaway County, which was before the year 1825. The American genealogy of the family antedates the Revolution, many of its members being identified with that historic period. They were both industrious and patriotic, the two traits being inseparable in those times when the struggle for independence was so largely dependent on the faithfulness of individual exertion, and when the sloth of the community was its deadly enemy. At an early day various members of the family settled in the Old Dominion, and for many years prior to 1825 Bernhard Gephart was a stockman and a distiller at Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He married Sarah Faulk and they became the parents of the following children — Abram, George, Emanuel, John, David, Catherine, Betsy (Hargrave), Nancy (Sunderman), Susan and Ann Maria (neither of whom married), and Rebecca (Ellsworth).

Of the above family of 11 children, only Abram, the oldest, came to Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Abram Gephart, with his family located in Circleville prior to 1825 and a few years after the town had been platted. Being a carpenter by trade he found em-

ployment from the first, and lived and labored in Circleville until near his death in 1857, at the age of 53 years. About six months before his decease, he settled on a farm in Deer Creek township. The immediate cause of his death was convulsions brought on by drinking water while overheated.

Mrs. Abram Gephart, the mother of our subject, was born on the day that Circleville was laid out—September 10, 1810. Valentine Keffler, her father, was the owner of a section of land now included in the site of the town, and his father-in-law owned an adjoining section. For many years Mr. Keffler was not only extensively interested in the real estate of the locality but wielded a strong influence in the public legislation of his section, serving with great credit in the State Legislature for a period of 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Gephart were the parents of the following four children: Martha Ann, who died after having reached years of maturity; Charles Wesley; George W.; and Mary F., who married Wesley Hayes—both are now deceased.

George W. Gephart was 13 years of age when his father came to Deer Creek township, where he passed the last few months of his life. The boy continued to reside upon the family homestead for the remainder of the year following his father's death, when he decided to do a man's work in the world, and bound himself to a neighboring farmer until he should reach his majority. But the outbreak of the Civil War disarranged his plans, as it did those of a nation, and in November, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, 73rd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. Until after the battle of Gettysburg his regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac. Besides Gettysburg he participated in the first battle of Bull Run, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg. Mr. Gephart was wounded at Gettysburg and confined to the hospital until the first of the following year. On account of his injuries and long confinement, he was unable thereafter to do field duty, and until his term of enlistment expired was chiefly engaged in guarding prisoners of war.

After being honorably discharged from military service, Mr. Gephart returned to this

county, and, after being variously employed for two years, rented a farm. Subsequently he purchased a tract of land near Darbyville, and after selling this, in 1877, he purchased the 86 acres in Deer Creek township, which has since been the family homestead. It has been thoroughly improved and cultivated, in every respect, and its location is especially favorable, as three sides of the tract are bounded by pikes. Mr. Gephart as an agriculturist has confined himself to general farming, but he has taken a creditable part in township affairs, having been trustee for a number of years and having held other local offices.

In March, 1870, George W. Gephart was married to Nancy Buzick, a native of this county and a daughter of William and Ellen (Beall) Buzick, her father being a resident of Monroe township. Mr. and Mrs. Gephart have had five children, as follows: Charles W., residing in Deer Creek township, who married Lydia Tarbill and has one child—Elmer Irving; Edward E., a resident of Ross County, who married Emma Henry and has two children—Mabel Edna and Everett Henry; William F., a graduate of Ohio Northern University and the Ohio State University, who married Theo May Walston and for a number of years has been engaged in teaching; Thomas Benton, also a teacher, and George C., the two last named living at home.

Mr. Gephart is a staunch member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having served as trustee in the local body. Fraternally he is identified with Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., and in politics holds an independent attitude. In a word, he is a man descended from good, industrious pioneer stock and now stands as a patriot, a worthy husband and father, and a moral and useful member of the community in which he has so long upheld an honorable name.

LLOYD S. GARDNER, one of Whisler's most highly esteemed residents, and an honored survivor of the Civil War, owns a valuable farm of 40 acres in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County. Mr. Gardner was born in Perry County, Ohio, on the 8th of July, 1828, and

is a son of Isaac and Julia (Selby) Gardner.

The father of Mr. Gardner was born in Maryland and was a soldier in the War of 1812. The family came to Ohio from Maryland and were among the early settlers in Perry County.

Lloyd S. Gardner was reared in his native county, where he remained until 20 years of age, and then removed to Hocking County, where he remained until the fall of 1857, when he came to Pickaway County and has been a resident of Salt Creek township continuously ever since. For many years he engaged as a carpenter and building contractor and erected many of the residences and barns which still stand as evidences of his honest work through Pickaway and adjacent counties. On May 2, 1864, he enlisted as a private for service in the Civil War, entering Company K, 155th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., in answer to the call for 100-day volunteers. His services covered 120 days and during this time he performed a soldier's duty faithfully and cheerfully. Upon his return he resumed his carpenter and contracting work.

On April 14, 1850, Mr. Gardner was married (first) to Margaret Dorman, of Hocking County, Ohio, and they had eight children, the five survivors being: Isaac N., of Columbus; John A., a physician of Toledo; Ovid L., of Columbus; Effie O., wife of Jacob Mitchell, of Columbus; and Lizzie M., wife of Edward Liest, of Macon County, Missouri. On December 29, 1872, Mr. Gardner was married (second) to Mary M. Harman, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 7, 1843, and is a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Imler) Harman, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County. The two children of this marriage are: Charles W., of Columbus; and Laura L., wife of Ira Whisler, of Salt Creek township.

Mr. Gardner is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Whisler, in which he has been a class leader for over 50 years. He gives his political support to the Prohibition party, having always cast his influence in the direction of temperance and morality. He is held in high esteem as a citizen

and has served for several years in the responsible positions of director and treasurer of the Whisler Special School District. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow—belonging to the lodge at Adelphi. An upright, honorable and useful man and a model citizen, Mr. Gardner has a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Gardner witnessed the falling of the stars in 1833, when he was a child of but five years.



CHARLES H. MAY, attorney-at-law at Circleville and one of the leading Republican politicians of Pickaway County, was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 20, 1873, and is a son of Dr. John B. May.

Dr. John B. May was born in North Carolina, where he was reared and educated. He settled in Ohio during the Civil War and became one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons at New Holland, Pickaway County.

Charles H. May was reared from the age of three years at New Holland, Pickaway County, his parents having removed there from Bourneville, Ross County. After completing a common-school course, he taught school for two years and then took the teacher's course at the Ohio Normal University at Ada. After thorough preparation, in the fall of 1894 he entered the senior class of the Cincinnati Law School and in the following year was graduated with his degree of B. L.

Mr. May came immediately to Circleville and entered into partnership with Charles Dresbach, judge of the Court of Common Pleas, the firm name being Dresbach & May. The partnership was continued until Mr. Dresbach was appointed by Governor Nash to succeed the late Judge Festus Walters on the bench of the Court of Common Pleas. Since then Mr. May has practiced alone and has become a prominent figure in the different courts and has been a successful pleader in many important cases.

On June 24, 1903, Mr. May was married to Pearl Bennett, a daughter of William Ben-

nett, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a retired farmer and large owner of real estate at Muncie, Indiana.

Since early manhood Mr. May has been interested in politics and public affairs and his abilities have been recognized by the Republican party. On numerous occasions he has been chosen for important party positions. For five years he served as chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee. He was a delegate to the last great Republican National Convention in 1904, which nominated Theodore Roosevelt for President of the United States.

In fraternal life Mr. May has numerous connections. He belongs to Lodge No. 392, F. & A. M., at New Holland; Lodge No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, at New Holland; Lodge No. 237, Knights of Pythias, at New Holland; Circleville Lodge, No. 77, B. P. O. E.; and Camp No. 6334, M. W. of A., at New Holland. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



B. HASWELL, proprietor of the Haswell Steel Range & Furnace Company, of Circleville, was born in this city in 1862 and is a son of A. J. Haswell.

The father of Mr. Haswell was also a native of Circleville, his birth occurring in 1826. For many years he engaged in a foundry business here and was one of the town's enterprising and successful men. His death occurred in 1905.

W. B. Haswell was reared at Circleville and educated in the home schools. Then entering his father's employ, he worked his way from the ground up, in order to gain a practical knowledge of the business. In 1885 he became a member of the firm of W. B. Haswell & Company, which continued for a few years and was then succeeded by the Haswell Steel Range & Furnace Company. Mr. Haswell does a good business in the manufacture of steel ranges, hot air furnaces and steel tanks, the specialty being the hot air furnace. He has well-equipped quarters with good transporta-

tion facilities and this is fortunate as he ships fully three-fourths of his product.

Mr. Haswell was married in 1885 to Lucy Miller, who is a daughter of the late Jacob Y. Miller.

As a business man Mr. Haswell is very highly regarded in commercial circles, the reliability of his goods never being questioned and his methods being those of a progressive, honest and honorable man.

F. WEGERLY, attorney-at-law, Circleville, a member of the law firm of Lindsay & Wegerly, was born in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1880.

His father, Adam Wegerly, was born in Germany. He emigrated to the United States in 1832, and settled in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. He was an early settler in Pickaway County, and is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser in Circleville township. He is in his 80th year.

L. F. Wegerly was reared in his native township, and obtained his early education in the local schools, subsequently becoming a student in the Ohio Northern University, where he was graduated in the scientific course in 1903. In the following year he graduated in the same institution in the law course, and was admitted to the bar on June 22, 1904. In 1900 and 1901 he took a course at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, graduating in bookkeeping and stenography, after which he was employed by the firm of Oscar Smith & Son, New York City, as stenographer, later as head bookkeeper.

He is thus pretty fairly equipped for almost any situation into which his professional life may bring him, and outside of his profession is able to compete with the general run of young business men.

Politically, Mr. Wegerly is a Democrat. He is an able, enterprising young man, with modern ideas and firm convictions of right and wrong. He is one of the young Americans for whom it is safe to predict professional and, probably, political success.



WILSON H. PONTIUS, one of the most prominent farmers and substantial citizens of Washington township, the owner of 250 acres of valuable farm land, was born in the house which he now occupies and where he has lived all his life. He is a son of David G. and Susan (Stout) Pontius.

David G. Pontius, who was also born in Washington township, and whose death occurred in 1887, was one of the representative farmers of the county. His widow, the mother of our subject, is still living at the age of 76 and resides on the home farm near the home of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Pontius has always lived in his native county and been engaged in agricultural pursuits. His 250 acres of farm land are divided into two farms. The farm upon which he resides consists of 108 acres; the large brick house in which he lives was built by his father in 1857. The other farm, which contains 142 acres, lies just one and a half miles northeast of the home farm and is known as the Reuben Shellhammer farm; it was purchased by Mr. Pontius in 1905.

Mr. Pontius was married in June, 1886, to Mary E. Snyder, a daughter of Emanuel Snyder. They have two children—Blanch and Leland E., both living at home. Mr. Pontius is a member of the German Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat and has served several years as township treasurer. Mr. Pontius is a member of the Masonic order.



LOYD EDWIN GINDER, M. D., who has been established as one of Darbyville's successful physicians since July, 1904, was born near Lancaster, Ohio, January 26, 1877, and is a son of Adam H. and Sarah (Baughner) Ginder.

The parents of Dr. Ginder were natives of Fairfield County, Ohio, where the father was born June 4, 1850. He was a farmer by vocation and took a deep interest in politics. He was a stanch Democrat and served for 10 years as township assessor in a Republican township, and served also as land appraiser. For

six years he served as deputy county auditor and then was elected and served six years as auditor. For 12 years he had an office in the Court House.

Floyd Edwin Ginder remained on his father's farm in Fairfield County until the latter was appointed deputy county auditor, and in 1889 removed his family to Lancaster. Our subject was the eldest of three children, his two sisters being: Viola, wife of William Gray, of Lancaster, Ohio; and Myrtle, still living at home. All were educated in the schools at Lancaster. After our subject had graduated at the Lancaster High School, he went to the Ohio State University, where he took the scientific course and was subsequently graduated in medicine at Starling Medical College. For two and a half years he was assistant physician and surgeon at St. Anthony's Hospital at Columbus. On July 16, 1904, he located permanently at Darbyville.

Dr. Ginder was cradled in the Democratic party and it is not remarkable that he has always taken an active interest in the well being of that organization. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Williamsport. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Derby and has membership in the Modern Woodmen of America. He keeps closely in touch with matters concerning his profession and belongs to the Ohio State Medical Society. He also retains his college fraternity connection, with the Phi Sigma Psi.

RICHARD N. DICK, an old and honored resident of Pickaway County, owns a valuable farm of 200 acres, situated in Darby township, on the Circleville and London turnpike. He was born in Perry township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 11, 1836, and is the youngest son of Nicholas and Mary (Johnson) Dick.

The Dick family came to Ohio from Virginia, the first one to settle in Perry township being a brother of Nicholas Dick. As he gave good accounts of the country, Nicholas, his wife Mary and his son Aaron came over the

mountains on horse back and reached New Holland during the period when the hamlet was being laid out and the first lots sold. During the family's residence in Perry township, the other nine members were born, namely: Johnson, William, Mary, Rosanna, Jackson, Henry, Barbara (deceased in infancy), Sarah (widow of Martin Thomas), and Richard. The two last named are the only survivors. After some years in Perry township, Mr. Dick sold his farm, and in 1840 bought the farm in Darby township which is occupied by Oscar M. Dick, and on that farm Nicholas Dick and wife both died.

Richard Dick accompanied his parents in their removal from Perry to Darby township and resided on the home farm until his marriage to Editha M. Smith, who was one of a large family born to Sampson B. and Margaret (Hill) Smith, who came to Ohio from Maryland at an early day. The following were the children born to Sampson B. Smith: Rebecca A., who married Thomas D. Ridgway, of Darby township; Martha, who married Woodson J. Shockly; Elizabeth, who married (first) Lewis Ballah and (second) Martin Bailey; Editha M., wife of our subject; Polly, who died in young womanhood; George, who married Ellen McGillen; William, who married Nancy Polson; Isaac, deceased; and Samuel, who married Martha M. Dick and now resides in Darby township near Derby. Mrs. Dick died February 24, 1905, leaving one daughter, Mary, wife of Miles Green, to whom she was married August 18, 1880. Miles Green is a son of Joseph Green, one of the old citizens of the section. To Mr. and Mrs. Green was born a daughter, Elta Florence, who was married September 18, 1901, to Charles N. Mantle, a son of John Mantle. This marriage has resulted in making our esteemed subject the proud great-grandfather of two very attractive little grandchildren, Annette and Raymond Mantle. The Mantles are residents of Darby township.

Mr. Dick purchased his farm from the heirs of Sampson B. Smith, his father-in-law, and it is now managed by Joseph Smith. The comfortable farm residence was erected by

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT W. PETERS.

Mr. Dick himself. Since the death of his wife, as above noted, Mr. Dick has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Green, in Derby village, having given this home as a present to his daughter and her husband, for whom he entertains a high regard. Mr. Green is a well-educated, studious man, and is a teacher in the district schools in Darby township, having followed the profession of teacher for the past 30 years. He graduated at the Worthington Normal School in 1876, having completed the scientific course. He then taught in the Model School at Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio; was superintendent of the Union High School in Waterford, Knox County, Ohio; and taught the grammar department of the Darby township High School. He was one of the organizers of the Disciples Church at Derby in 1887. Mr. Green was the first to purchase and make use of a motor-cycle in his neighborhood.

Although Mr. Dick has reached his three score and ten years he is a man still vigorous and well preserved, reading without the aid of glasses and keeping himself pleasantly busy all the time. He is a worthy member of the Disciples' Church, from which his beloved wife was buried. The family is very well known all over the township.

ROBERT W. PETERS, owner of a fine homestead of 210 acres in Walnut township and a well-known lay preacher in the Baptist Church, was born in Perry township, Franklin County, Ohio, February 7, 1846. He is a son of Gershom M. and Ann (Walcutt) Peters, the former a native of Walnut township. The Peters family originated in Virginia and at an early day became settled in Fairfield County, Ohio. Mahlon Peters, the grandfather of Robert W. Peters, settled in Walnut township, Pickaway County. Here Gershom Peters, the father, grew to manhood, and then moved to Franklin County, this State, where he married Ann Walcutt, daughter of Robert Walcutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gershom Peters became the parents of six children, four of whom attained

maturity, viz.: Mahlon, who died at the age of 54, leaving a widow, who is a resident of Columbus; Susanna H., wife of Edwin Newton, of Walnut township; Rachel L., wife of Robert A. Vandervort, of Pickaway township; and Robert W.

Robert W. Peters was raised in Franklin County, with the exception of the period between the ages of eight and 15 years, during which his parents lived in Iowa. In 1861 the family returned to Ohio, and in the spring of 1864, when Robert was 18 years old, he enlisted for service in Company E, First Reg., Ohio Vol. Cav., his term being for three years. The young patriot served under Sherman and Thomas, and participated in the siege of Atlanta, being discharged at Hilton Head Island, about 70 miles off the South Carolina coast, opposite Charleston. He received his final papers of honorable discharge from the service at Columbus.

One of the most signal services which Mr. Peters performed for the government was in connection with the capture of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. He is the only man in Pickaway County who is identified with that historic episode. He is one of 33 soldiers from Ohio who succeeded in entering the Rebel lines during the Civil War. Dressed as a Confederate soldier, he entered the lines of the enemy and spent 12 days getting information as a spy. Although he expected nothing for his services, beyond the valued thanks of his superiors, in consideration of the dangerous character of his mission and its value in effecting the capture he received \$293 as his share of the reward.

After the war, Mr. Peters returned to Walnut township and settled on the farm which his parents had bought while he was at the front and which he still occupies. He was first married, October 28, 1868, to Emma Swope, of Fairfield County, by whom he had two children; Anna, who became the wife of Oliver Waddell and lives in Fayette County, this State; and Alice, who married George Barr, of Fairfield County, and has three children—Robert, Albert and Anna. Mrs. Emma (Swope) Peters died in March, 1871.

Our subject's second marriage, April 2,

1873, was to Martha C. Glasscock, daughter of John and Mary (Leach) Glasscock, of Darby township. They have had six children—four living—as follows: John, the oldest, deceased at the age of 18 months; Alvin, the second, who married Anna Hoppes and is the father of one child—John Robert; Mary, who died at eight years of age; Robert G., who married Della Brinker, daughter of Oliver P. Brinker, resides in Ashville and has one daughter—Helen H.; and Lulu May and Mirtie A., who live at home. The family residence is a large, comfortable frame house built by Mr. Peters' father.

Aside from the faithful care of his household and the operations of his farm, which he has managed with such enviable results, Mr. Peters' chief energies and abilities have been applied to matters religious. He is a member of the old-school Baptist Church, the pulpit of which he has repeatedly occupied within the past 20 years. A group picture of the Peters family accompanies this sketch.



CAPT. MARCUS B. RADCLIFFE, a representative agriculturist of Pickaway township, who is also an honored veteran of the Civil War, owns a fine farm of 400 acres, which is most excellently improved. He was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 10, 1840, and is a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Florence) Radcliffe.

Benjamin Radcliffe, the father, was born in 1794, in Kentucky, and died in 1869, in Pickaway County, Ohio. He accompanied his widowed mother and the other members of the family to Ohio in 1806, a home being established in Muhlenberg township, Pickaway County. Later Mr. Radcliffe removed to Deer Creek township, where the rest of his long and useful life was spent. He married Sarah Florence, who was born in Virginia, and their three surviving children are: John, who is a resident of Washington Court House, Ohio; Matilda B., who resides at Southwest City,

Missouri, the widow of the late Dr. B. F. Smith, of Southwest City, but formerly of Williamsport, Ohio; and Marcus B.

Marcus B. Radcliffe was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the public schools of Deer Creek township. The opening of the Civil War brought a new element into the life of this farmer boy as it did to others and the second year of the war found him a private in Company A, 114th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., ready to risk his life in the service of his country. His promotion was rapid, won by valorous deeds and personal bravery through the Vicksburg campaign, the Red River campaign and through Texas and Western Louisiana. He first served as sergeant, then as 2nd lieutenant, next as 1st lieutenant and finally, in December, 1864, shortly before he was honorably discharged, was commissioned captain of Company A by Governor David Tod. All of his service was in this company. Although exposed to dangers of every kind and taking part in all the most hazardous undertakings of his regiment, as shown by his promotions, he was able to return to his home, practically uninjured.

After his return to peaceful pursuits, Mr. Radcliffe resumed farming in Pickaway County. On July 29, 1869, he was united in marriage with Lizzie Crouse, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 25, 1840, and is a daughter of Nelson and Sophia (Wilson) Crouse.

Nelson Crouse was born November 14, 1808, in Ross County, Ohio, where the family had settled at an early day. His father, Hon. David Crouse, represented Ross County in the State Legislature for two terms and was also a man of business prominence. It was David Crouse who established the first paper manufacturing mill in this section, locating it six miles north of Chillicothe. Nelson Crouse died September 4, 1848. He had served as county commissioner of Pickaway County and it was during his service that the old Court House was built. Mrs. Crouse was born in Pennsylvania and died in Pickaway County, August 26, 1886. Mrs. Radcliffe was three months old when she was brought to Picka-

way County and her father settled on the farm which is now her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe have two children, viz.: Eva T., who is the wife of Frank R. Cox, of Lancaster, Ohio, and Frank C., of Pickaway township. The latter served in the Spanish-American War, with the rank of sergeant-major in the Fourth Regiment, Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, in Puerto Rico, adding to the family's military laurels.

For many years Mr. Radcliffe has commanded the respect and enjoyed the esteem of the veterans making up John H. Groce Post, No. 156, G. A. R., at Circleville and he has been a most useful member. He is the only surviving member of the Loyal Legion, in Pickaway County, and he belongs also to the soldiers' relief committee. Another philanthropic object has long claimed his attention, the Children's Home, of Pickaway County, of which he is a trustee. He belongs to the fraternal orders of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.



WILLIAM GILL, who resides on the fine old farm in Salt Creek township, on which he was born, on November 8, 1832, has been identified with the agricultural interests of this section all his life. His parents were Hon. William and Nancy (Winship) Gill.

The Gill family is of old Virginia stock and Scotch-Irish extraction. H. William Gill, our subject's father, was born in Virginia, possibly about 1798. He was an officer in the War of 1812 and was captain of a company which was entrusted with the escort of a party of British prisoners to Chillicothe, from the frontier. It was during this trip that he first met the lady who later became his wife—Nancy Winship. She was a daughter of Winn Winship, who entered a large body of land from the government, and embodied in this tract was the farm on which our subject was born and which he still occupies. After marriage, about 1817, William Gill settled in what

is now Salt Creek township and here the larger portion of his subsequent life was passed. He became a very prominent man in both township and county, and served for many years in the office of justice of the peace and for a protracted period was associate judge of Pickaway County and was always given the title of "Judge." A few years before his demise, he moved to Circleville, where his long and useful life came to a close on January 29, 1861. He was a staunch Democrat of the old school and on many occasions was proffered the support of his party for offices of great responsibility. His three children were: William, of this sketch; Winn W., deceased; and Martha, deceased, who was the wife of John T. Jacobs.

William Gill was reared on the old homestead and his education was secured in the public schools of Salt Creek township and at an academy at Kingston. His choice of occupation being farming, he remained on the family estate, which contains 295 acres. It is all under an excellent state of cultivation and he is classed among the best farmers of the southeastern section of the county.

Mr. Gill was married March 23, 1854, to Lucy Cushing, who was born in Kentucky, and is a daughter of Henry Cushing, who was a native of Massachusetts. The Cushing family is one of age and distinction in New England. A branch settled very early in Ohio and there is reason to believe that Varnum Cushing, an uncle of Mrs. Gill, was the second white child born in the State. Varnum Cushing long resided in Zanesville. Henry Cushing was an early settler in Pickaway County, but died in Clermont County.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill have had six children, namely: Martha, wife of L. C. McPherson, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Anna B., at home; Mary W., wife of Lemuel C. Steely, of Pickaway township; William H., of Cincinnati; Alice, of Columbus; and George, at home.

Mr. Gill has been a lifelong Democrat but has never been willing to accept the cares of office. In the management of the fine old estate, in the proper rearing of an interesting family, in the intelligent attention given to promoting the educational and religious enter-

prises of this locality and in taking part in much of its pleasant, social life, Mr. Gill has found sufficient interests to engage his mind and body. He has witnessed many changes and has done his part in developing this section.



L. GRIGSBY, a well-known member of the bar at Circleville, who has been identified with this city and its interests for the past 24 years, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, February 8, 1841, and is a son of Epaminondus L. Grigsby, who was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, and was brought to Muskingum County, Ohio, when a child of six years.

S. L. Grigsby was reared and educated at Zanesville, where he remained until April, 1865, when he came to Circleville, having been appointed deputy auditor of Pickaway County. In 1873 he was admitted to the bar and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. He was first associated with Judge I. N. Abernethy, the firm name being for some time Abernethy & Grigsby. For three years following, Mr. Grigsby practiced alone, and then he became a partner with A. R. Bolin, and the firm became Bolin & Grigsby and continued as such until 1891, since which date he has been alone in practice. Mr. Grigsby's reputation is that of a wise counsellor and a faithful lawyer.

In 1864 Mr. Grigsby was married to Mary E. Wing, and they have two children—Emily E. and Sarah J.

Fraternally Mr. Grigsby is a 32nd degree Mason and very prominent in Masonry, being past officer in Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter and Commandery. He is also an Odd Fellow.



SCOTT C. BOGGS, during many years one of the prominent agriculturists and leading citizens of Pickaway township, was born November 14, 1849, at Elmwood, Pickaway County, and died in this township, February 7, 1904. He was the third son of Moses and

Margaret S. (Cook) Boggs, a grandson of Maj. John Boggs and a great-grandson of John Boggs.

The father of Mr. Boggs was born in Pickaway County, while the mother was a native of Ross County, Ohio. The family has long been one of distinction in Pickaway County, the great-grandfather of Scott C. having been John Boggs, who was born in Virginia and was the early and original settler on the "Logan Elm Farm," which is mentioned at length in another portion of this work. His son, Maj. John Boggs, was also a native of Virginia. He served in the War of 1812, and was with Gen. Andrew Jackson at New Orleans.

Scott C. Boggs began his education in the district schools of Pickaway township and completed it at Mount Pleasant Academy, at Kingston and the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. The development of his intellectual faculties better prepared him to successfully carry on agricultural work, in which he always took the greatest pride and interest. His fine farm of 200 acres in Pickaway township was developed to its finest extreme and it remained the family home until 1898, when Mr. Boggs removed with his family to Kingston, where he died.

On November 14, 1872, Mr. Boggs was married to Ada G. Shannon, who was born at Kingston, Ohio, and is a daughter of the late Dr. R. W. Shannon, who was a very prominent physician there for many years. Five children were born to this marriage, the two survivors being: Lucy C., wife of Frank C. Radcliffe, of Pickaway township; and Howard S., of the same township. Mrs. Boggs continues to reside at Kingston and is a very highly esteemed resident and an active worker in the Presbyterian Church.

In political sentiment Mr. Boggs was a staunch Republican and was elected by that party township trustee. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and was a member of Scioto Commandery, No. 35, K. T., at Circleville. Personally he was a man of sterling traits of character which were generally recognized and brought him the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

SAMUEL E. BROWN. The death of Samuel E. Brown, which took place December 6, 1904, at Mount Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, removed from this section a man who was widely known for his many excellent traits of character and was esteemed by a large circle of friends. His home was in Muhlenberg township, where he owned a farm of 202 acres. Mr. Brown was born December 18, 1841, and was a son of John and Amanda (Root) Brown.

The parents of Mr. Brown were natives of Germany and Ross County, Ohio, respectively. The father, who came to Pickaway County in young manhood, served two years in the Civil War, in which he was so seriously wounded that he was discharged on account of disability. His children were: Kate, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Atherton; Samuel E.; Sarah Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of David Sheers; Mary, wife of Isaiah Tatman, of Circleville; John; Nelson, deceased; and Martha, of Athens, Ohio.

With the exception of 12 years spent on a rented farm in Madison County, Ohio, Samuel E. Brown spent his whole life in Pickaway County. He remained on the home farm in Scioto township during his boyhood and young manhood and as his father was away from home serving as a soldier in the army, he continued to reside on his native place for two years after his marriage. Upon the return of his father, Mr. Brown rented a 100-acre farm in Madison County and resided there for 12 years. This farm he operated without assistance. He became the owner of 40 acres in Madison County but never resided on that farm and subsequently sold it. In 1873 he came to the farm on which the rest of his life was spent, his first purchase being one of 40 acres. To this he added until the home farm contained 202 acres and he also owned, at the time of his death, 68 acres in Jackson township, on which his eldest son is settled. Almost all of this land Mr. Brown cleared himself. He always took the deepest interest in improving his property, and as long as health permitted he continued to add to its

value. His love for his home and family was his great interest in life and he left his dear ones well provided for, his estate aggregating some \$20,000 in property and \$10,000 in cash.

On June 14, 1863, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Elizabeth Morris, who was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, June 16, 1844, and is a daughter of Isaac and Aberillah (Botts) Morris, natives of Guernsey County, who moved from that county to Hocking County and later to Pickaway County. Mr and Mrs. Brown had four children, namely: William, of Jackson township; Sarah Ellen, wife of Henry Hill; Emma Alice, wife of Frank Hubbard, of Columbus; and George M., who lives at home.

Although Mr. Brown had few educational advantages and was obliged to make his own way in the world without any outside assistance, he was a very successful man. His industry was remarkable and his judgment seldom at fault. In his political views he was a Democrat but he was never active in politics.

GEORGE ROLLAND GARDNER, M. D., a prominent physician of Ashville, was born August 3, 1873, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Isaac N. and Sarah Ann (Hummell) Gardner.

The father of Dr. Gardner was born in Hocking County, Ohio, and was a member of an old Ohio family. For 20 years he was a prosperous merchant. His present residence is Columbus, where he lives retired. On the maternal side the grandparents were from Pennsylvania, members of old Pennsylvania Dutch families.

The subject of this sketch attended the local schools in his native place and was about 19 years old when he began to read medicine with Dr. J. W. Barnes, of Columbus, under whose preceptorship he prepared for the Ohio Medical University at Columbus. He remained in this institution three years and was graduated in the class of 1897. Dr. Gardner settled first at South Bloomfield, Ohio, where

he practiced for one year and eight months, and then was located at Commercial Point for two and a half years, after which he practiced in Youngstown for a short period and then removed to Ashville, in November, 1901. Here he met with a hearty welcome and has built up a large and satisfactory practice. His professional ability has been so frequently shown that he now commands the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He is connected as examiner, with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, the Equitable Insurance Company, of Iowa, and the Continental Life Insurance Company.

Dr. Gardner was married on April 10, 1898, to Kittie Welch, a daughter of J. C. and Flora (Hott) Welch. The family has long been identified with the interests of Pickaway County.

Dr. Gardner, in addition to professional connections, belongs to Ashville Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Circleville Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Knights of the Maccabees at Ashville.

IRVIN F. SNYDER, a prominent attorney at Circleville, who was elected prosecuting attorney for Pickaway County in 1896, and served two terms, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1869, and is a son of the late Emanuel Snyder.

Emanuel Snyder, father of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania and of German extraction. He came to Pickaway County in childhood, with his parents, and resided here during the remainder of his life. He was a prominent citizen of Walnut township and served a number of years as trustee of Walnut township. He was always a Democrat. His death occurred in 1885.

After completing his common-school education, Irvin F. Snyder entered Capital University at Columbus and subsequently Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1890, with the degree of B. S. Following this he entered the law department of the Ohio State University and was graduated in the class of 1892. In the same year he

was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession at Circleville in the same year. His ability was quickly recognized and he soon became an important political factor. In 1896 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Pickaway County and in 1899 was re-elected to the same office, giving the county most satisfactory service. He has also been a member of the City Council of Circleville and is one of the public-spirited, enterprising citizens. Politically he is a Democrat.

In 1900 Mr. Snyder was married at Lancaster, Ohio, to Blanche C. Ward, who was born at Somerset, Ohio. They have one little daughter—Mary E. Mr. Snyder was brought up a Lutheran. His wife is a member of the Catholic Church.

Fraternally Mr. Snyder is a Royal Arch Mason, an Odd Fellow, an Elk and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.



CHARLES GERHARDT, prosecuting attorney of Pickaway County, is one of the prominent and enterprising young professional men of this section and is a representative citizen of Circleville. He was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 28, 1870, and is a son of George and Caroline (Blum) Gerhardt, natives of Germany, but married in this country, who came to Pickaway County from Ross County, Ohio, in August, 1864.

Mr. Gerhardt's early education was secured in the district schools of Walnut township. In 1890 he entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, and was graduated in both the classical and law courses and also spent a year in the Ohio State University Law School, after being admitted to the bar in June, 1895. In February, 1896, Mr. Gerhardt formed a partnership with ex-Prosecuting Attorney John Schleyer, and they continued together in business at Circleville, until June 1, 1899, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Gerhardt continued to practice alone. In the fall of 1902 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Pickaway County and was re-elected in the

fall of 1905. His administration of this most important office has distinguished him as a man of far more than the ordinary ability and has attracted the attention of legal circles both in his own and adjoining counties. While, as a prosecutor he has been relentless and fearless, he has also been just, and looking to the future, in the light of the past, his friends are ready to predict much higher honors for him.

On June 1, 1903, Mr. Gerhardt was married to Edith C. Gantt, who was born at Zanesville, Ohio, and is a daughter of Mrs. Czarina Gantt, of Columbus, Ohio, widow of the late John Henry Gantt, formerly a resident of Zanesville, Ohio.

Fraternally Mr. Gerhardt is a Mason, belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter and to the Council at Circleville, and is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Circleville.

MILTON K. DRESSBACK, who has been identified with the affairs of both Salt Creek and Walnut townships, is a prosperous farmer and the owner of 198½ acres of thoroughly cultivated land. His homestead residence is a commodious and comfortable brick house, and his entire place bears the impress not only of a master farmer but of a man of good judgment and taste.

Mr. Dressback was born near Kingston, Ross County, Ohio, on the 14th of November, 1859, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Fryback) Dressback, the maiden name of the latter being Hoover. His father was also a native of that county, where he was reared, educated, married and died, his death occurring in 1888. After receiving the usual education of a boy in an agricultural community, composed of varying portions of schooling and farm discipline, our subject was married in December, 1881, to Alice Ross, daughter of James Ross, of Pickaway township.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton K. Dressback have had five children, of whom three are living—

Fred, Grace and Ross, who live at home. The other two children died unnamed.

For three years after his marriage, Milton K. Dressback lived in Ross County, and then removed to Pickaway township, Pickaway County, where he resided two years. His next change of location was to Salt Creek township of which he remained a resident for 15 years, when, on February 28, 1906, he located on his present homestead in Walnut township, having bought the place in the September preceding. While living in Salt Creek township, Mr. Dressback was a member of its School Board, and was also elected a trustee on the Democratic ticket. The latter office he resigned when he removed to Walnut township. He is well known and highly honored throughout the county, not only because of his own enviable character but because of his relationship to Judge Dressback, of Circleville, of whom his father was a half brother.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Dressback is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in religion is a Presbyterian, being connected with the Cumberland Church.

WILLIAM FRAZIER, a substantial farmer of Washington township, residing on a farm of 131 acres, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, near the Pickaway County line, on February 23, 1846, and is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Lape) Frazier.

Mr. Frazier was reared and educated in Amanda township, Fairfield County, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, having a farm of 117 acres in Amanda township, which he still owns. In the fall of 1902 Mr. Frazier moved to Washington township, Pickaway County, and located on his present farm. He was married to Hannah Eliza Ward, a daughter of William Ward, a resident of Walnut township. To Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were born nine children, seven of whom are still living. The record is as follows: Samuel, deceased at the age of one and a half years; Joseph, who married Bertha Wolf, lives on the homestead farm in Fairfield County and has two children—Tur-

ney and Rosa; Ida, who married Frank Husey, of Circleville, and has one child—Lloyd; Edward, deceased at the age of ten; Oscar, who lives on the home place; Kate, who married Grover Boyer; Florence; Nettie and Bertha. Mr. Frazier is trustee and a member of the United Brethren Church. He is also a teacher in the Sunday-school.

JOSEPH W. ADKINS, a well-known member of the bar at Circleville, was born in 1864 in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Hon. Barzillai Adkins, one of Circleville's most prominent men, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Adkins was reared in Pickaway County and was educated at the Normal University at Lebanon after completing the common-school course. He then entered the law department of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, where he was graduated with the degree of B. L. in 1898. He was admitted to the bar in June of the same year. Following his admission to the bar, Mr. Adkins located in his native county and for the two succeeding years taught school, but in 1900 he opened a law office at Circleville, where he has continued in active practice ever since. His standing in the profession is high and he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Adkins belongs to one of the old and honorable families of this section. He is actively interested in the general welfare of Circleville and, aside from his profession, devotes time and influence to promoting the growth and development of this city. While not a very active politician, he is a good citizen and gives his support to candidates and measures which promise good government.

WILLIAM D. WALKER, whose excellent farm of 220 acres of valuable land is situated on the Goose Pond turnpike, in Scioto township, was born in this township January 3, 1846, and is a son of James and Sarah A. (Fretwell) Walker.

The Walker family is of old Virginian stock, of English extraction. The great-grandfather was born in England and in young manhood removed to Albemarle County, Virginia, where he was subsequently employed as a carpenter on the farm of Thomas Jefferson. He married a Miss Turner at Shadwell and they spent their lives there, rearing three children: Thomas, Sarah and John, the last named being the grandfather of our subject. His widow resided with her mother, whose second husband, a Mr. Morgan, carried on a mill which belonged to Mr. Jefferson, at old Shadwell. It was there that John Walker, our subject's grandfather was reared to manhood, learned the millwright's trade and assisted in building the large mill at Charlottesville, which in its day was one of note. He learned the milling business and became head miller in 1816, holding the position until 1822, when he purchased a mill which he operated until he came to Ohio in 1834.

John Walker was a soldier in the War of 1812, belonging to a corps of cavalry which was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, in order to protect the coast in that vicinity from British invasion.

In June, 1816, John Walker was united in marriage with Elizabeth Wertenbaker, who was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1800, and died in her 82nd year, in 1882. John Walker was born in June, 1786, and died in 1861, aged 77 years. The oldest brother of Mrs. Walker was William Wertenbaker, a brilliant young man, who attended the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, for two years. He was then made secretary of the faculty and librarian, through the influence of President Jefferson. He remained there 55 years, or until his death, a faithful admirer of Thomas Jefferson to the last. Mr. Jefferson reciprocated and there are many family stories of an interesting nature to testify to the esteem in which he held the Walkers and their connections.

The children of John and Elizabeth (Wertenbaker) Walker were as follows: Mary, who died unmarried; James, our subject's father; William, who died soon after the family came to Ohio; Susan, who married



LEVI F. DUM.

James May and resided in Hardin County, Ohio, until her death; Adeline, who married John Cartmell and lives in Madison County, Ohio; Benjamin F., who resides at Garnett, Kansas; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of A. L. Vittum; Charles, who died at an early age; Louise, deceased, who was the wife of William Gibson and lived in Scioto township; Thomas Jefferson, who is engaged in rice planting at Jennings, Louisiana; Mildred, who married William Coontz and lives in Kansas City, Missouri; Meriwether Lewis, who lived and died at Circleville; Richard, deceased, who resided in Madison County, Ohio; and Melissa D., deceased, who was the wife of Edward Thomas, of Scioto township.

James Walker, father of our subject, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1818, and was 16 years of age when he accompanied his parents when in 1834 they drove a team across the mountains, bound for Ohio. He located with them on the farm now owned by Preston Peters, in Scioto township, Pickaway County, two miles southeast of Commercial Point, which place was formerly known as Genoa. James Walker served from 1858 to 1864 as postmaster at Genoa. He held other important public positions. For nine years he served as justice of the peace in Scioto township and also was one of the township trustees for a long period. From the age of 16 years until his death on September 9, 1904, he lived in Scioto township, with the exception of five years prior to the Civil War, which he passed at Georgesville, Franklin County. Later he returned to Scioto township where his long life closed as mentioned, being at that time aged 86 years and 3 days.

In 1843 James Walker was married to Sarah A. Fretwell, who was born May 3, 1822, in Albemarle County, Virginia, and was seven years of age when she accompanied her parents, John and Margaret Fretwell, to Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1829. Mr. and Mrs. Fretwell lived in Pickaway County and reared their children here. After the death of his wife, Mr. Fretwell moved north of Columbus, where he lived until his death in the latter part of the '60's.

The children of James and Sarah A.

(Fretwell) Walker were: Margaret M., who married John M. Durrett and resides on the old home place; William D., who is the subject of this sketch; Robert R., who died unmarried, aged about 25 years; John Fretwell, who resides on a farm adjoining the old home place; and Mary L., deceased, who was the wife of T. N. Gray.

William D. Walker attended the district schools and was reared principally on the farm in Scioto township, where his father located in 1864. Until his marriage our subject remained at home and then located on the half of the 100 acres which his father gave to him and his brother, and later he purchased his brother's interest. In 1905 he bought an additional 120 acres, of the estate of A. E. Brown, which was formerly known as the J. D. Mundell farm. His land now aggregates 220 acres, on which he carries on general farming, raising corn, wheat, hay and oats and does considerable in the line of feeding cattle and hogs. He utilizes two teams. A considerable part of his farm Mr. Walker has devoted to grass and raises a fine quality of hay. This land is very favorably located and here Mr. Walker has a beautiful home.

On February 28, 1884, Mr. Walker was married to Sylvia Trimmer, who was born and reared in Scioto township. She is a daughter of Aaron and Susan Elizabeth (O'Harra) Trimmer. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker, namely: Robert R., aged 21 years, who was educated in the local schools and now assists his father; Lena L., aged 18 years; and Mary B., who has also, with her sister, enjoyed good educational advantages.

LEVI F. DUM, a representative farmer and stock-raiser of Madison township, residing on his farm of 160 acres of excellent land, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1852, and is a son of Aaron and Hettie (Adams) Dum.

The father of Mr. Dum was born in Virginia and the mother in Pennsylvania. They came to Ohio from Berks County, Pennsyl-

vania, when Levi F. was a child, settling first in Fairfield County and removing, in 1869, to Madison township, Pickaway County, where the father died in 1870. The mother survived until August 6, 1905. Of their children, these survive: Elnora E., wife of H. S. Kiger, of Fairfield County; Levi F., of this sketch; Cyrus, of Walnut township, Pickaway County; and William, of Madison township. In political sentiment, Aaron Dum was a Republican.

Levi F. Dum was reared and educated partly in Fairfield and partly in Pickaway County. He has always devoted his main attention to farming and stock-raising and, in addition, for a number of years, has run a portable sawmill and a threshing machine, owning a full outfit. During the season of harvest he is kept very busy, calls for his services coming from all over this section.

Mr. Dum was united in marriage with Christena Nothstine, who was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of the late Henry Nothstine, of Madison township, who was one of the old settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Dum have four children, viz.: John H., Anna B., Samuel J. and Bessie F. The family is one which is held in very high esteem in Madison township. Mr. and Mrs. Dum belong to the German Reformed Church near Lithopolis, where they are highly valued.

Politically Mr. Dum is a staunch Democrat. He shows his interest in the public schools by serving as school director and doing all in his power to increase their usefulness. Fraternally he is a Mason and belongs to the lodge at Lithopolis. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

ROBERT H. STONEROCK, a well-known agriculturist of Jackson township, who owns a farm of 80 acres, near the Monroe township line, was born in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on his father's farm about a mile distant from his present home, on July 29, 1836. His parents were John and Daisy (Johnson) Stonerock.

George Stonerock, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania of German parents. Coming to Pickaway County at an early date, he engaged in farming and in time became the owner of 200 acres of land. He reared six sons and two daughters.

John Stonerock, the eldest of the above family, died in Jackson township in 1874, aged 65 years. He was a farmer all his life and, with the exception of some eight years spent in Indiana, lived it all in Pickaway County. He married Daisy Johnson, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and died in Adams County, Indiana, aged 26 years. She was a daughter of Robert Johnson, who was a native of Maryland and lived to the unusual age of 108 years. He never gave way to the usual failings of age and when 100 years old walked to cast his vote at Williamsport. The children of John Stonerock by his first marriage were: Robert H., of this sketch; David, of Kansas; Joseph, of Pickaway County; Hester Ann, widow of Robert Westbury, of Jackson township; and Mary (Smith), of Missouri. The second marriage of John Stonerock was to Mrs. Rhoda Fuller. She resides on the homestead at the age of 87 years. Her children were: Allen, of Wayne township; Fannie, deceased; William, who resides with his mother; and Mannie (2), deceased.

Robert H. Stonerock was about three years old when his father moved to Adams County, Indiana, and was seven when his mother died. The father then returned to Jackson township and here Robert H. has lived ever since, with the exception of nine years in Muhlenberg township. Since his marriage, 25 years ago he has changed his residence but three times, and has spent 35 years on his present and a neighboring farm. He has made the most of the improvements on his place, all of these being of a substantial character, and carries on a general line of farming.

In September, 1881, Mr. Stonerock was married to Mrs. Rebecca Moore, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and was a daughter of James Stitt. She died in 1898, at the

age of 51 years. Their children were: Myrtle Alice, who married Adam List, of Jackson township; Grover, Otis and Edna.

Mr. Stonerock has been a lifelong Democrat and has been a trustee of Jackson township for two terms and a school director for two years. He takes a great deal of interest in public affairs and has missed but one election since attaining his majority, being too ill at that time to reach the polls. He believes in every man doing his duty as a citizen.

JOHNN STUMP was formerly one of the most highly respected citizens and well-known agriculturists of Madison township, where he died on April 6, 1901. He was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on October 3, 1840, and was a son of Jacob and Eliza (Bailey) Stump.

Jacob Stump, the father, was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the mother was a native of Maryland. They came to Pickaway County and settled in Walnut township, removing from there to Madison township when their son John was one year old, and he therefore was reared and educated in this township. He was a lifelong farmer and in connection with his farming interests he also ran a portable sawmill and engaged in the threshing of grain throughout the country in season. He was successful in business and was honored and respected by all who knew him on account of his honesty, neighborliness and sterling qualities of all kinds.

On October 18, 1863, Mr. Stump was married to Catherine Trone, who was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 15, 1839, and is a daughter of the late Benjamin Trone, who was formerly a very well-known and much respected citizen of Walnut township. Harvey Trone, a prominent citizen of Walnut township, is a brother of Mrs. Stump.

Mr. and Mrs. Stump had four children, viz.: Mary A., who is the wife of William W. Long, of Canton, Ohio; Jacob H., of Madi-

son township; Ida E., wife of Sherman E. Long, of Walnut township; and Lydia Viola, wife of Arley Barnhart, of Madison township. Mrs. Stump resides on the home farm of 58 well-improved acres, where she has a comfortable and attractive rural residence. She is a valued member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madison township.

In politics Mr. Stump was a lifelong Democrat, but he never was willing to accept any office except that of school director, the duties of which he discharged as became a good citizen. In his death his family lost a kind husband and father and the community a man who is remembered with feelings of the deepest respect.

ROWLAND A. POSTLE, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons at Ashville, was born on a farm in Franklin County, Ohio, where his father had long been a prosperous farmer. Dr. Postle comes of English, Irish and German ancestry, but the family has been established in the United States for several generations. His parents were Frank and Catherine (Smith) Postle.

Dr. Postle's boyhood and youth were spent on the home farm, but he had educational opportunities at Reynoldsburg, Franklin County. He began to teach school, when 21 years of age, in Prairie township, Franklin County, and during the three years which he thus spent he prepared himself for the Columbus Medical College, which he entered in 1881. He remained there for two years and then entered the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in the class of 1884. In the year of graduation he located at Harrisburg, Franklin County, where he practiced for seven years. In 1891 he removed from Harrisburg to Ashville, where he has lived and practiced his profession ever since, each succeeding year seeing him more firmly established in the confidence of the public. He is a well-qualified physician and surgeon and an admirable citizen.

On November 10, 1887, Dr. Postle was

married to Lorena Vieman, and they have one son, Harold Vieman, born February 21, 1890, who is attending the Ashville High School.

From the age of 14 years Dr. Postle has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party, but has never accepted any political honors, his whole time having been given to his large and increasing practice.



MRS. HARRIET MORRIS, a well-known resident of Salt Creek township, belongs to one of the old and honorable pioneer families of Washington township. Mrs. Morris was born September 16, 1838, in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Metzger) Pontius.

The parents of Mrs. Morris were born in Pennsylvania and came to Washington township prior to marriage, their families being among the early pioneers. Coming to found permanent homes, they worked hard to develop not only their own homes but to assist in the advancement of the community in the matter of churches and schools. Daniel Pontius and wife had 10 children, all of whom have passed away with the exception of Mrs. Morris.

Harriet Pontius was reared to young womanhood in an excellent home and was given the best educational opportunities afforded in her girlhood in the district schools of Washington township. Her father died in 1858. On March 8th, of the following year, she was united in marriage with Reason S. Morris, who was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, October 8, 1827. He is a son of Henry and Charity (Shelby) Morris, who were natives of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris have these 10 children: Daniel, a farmer in Salt Creek township; Mary A., wife of Andrew Wilson, of Athens County, Ohio; Henry V., of Logan, Phillips County, Kansas; Isaac E., of Pickaway township, whose sketch appears else-

where in this work; Mahlon, of Pickaway County; Evaline, residing at home; Charles E., of Walnut township; Rosa E., wife of Claude W. Work, of Denver, Colorado; Clifton, of Logan, Phillips County, Kansas; and Arthur, at home.

Mrs. Morris owns a fine farm of 150 acres, under good cultivation, and here she and her husband have resided for more than 30 years. She is a consistent member of the Dresbach United Brethren Church. Mrs. Morris is widely known for her many excellent traits of character. She is devoted in the home circle and her kind neighborliness in times of trouble have made her much beloved in the community.



B. WEAVER, one of the successful lawyers and good citizens of Circleville, was born in 1869, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Philip and Mary (Peters) Weaver.

Isaac Weaver, the paternal grandfather, was born in Virginia in 1801. With members of the Peters family he enjoyed the distinction of being one of the earliest settlers of Pickaway County. His son Philip, father of our subject, was born in this county in 1832, and died here in 1896. His whole life was devoted to agriculture. He married Mary Peters, who was also born in this county and was a member of the prominent Peters family.

H. B. Weaver was reared in Pickaway County and enjoyed the advantages which his father, as a man of substance, could give him. After completing the common school course, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and was graduated there with the degree of A. B., in 1892. Two years later he was graduated from the law department of the Ohio State University and was admitted to practice in the same year. In August, 1894, he opened an office and has been identified with the bar at Circleville ever since, winning the approbation of his associates and the esteem and confidence of the general public. Since 1902 he has filled the office of United States referee in bankruptcy.

Politically Mr. Weaver is a Republican

and is a member of the Republican County Committee. Fraternally he is a Mason and is past master of his lodge and past eminent commander of Scioto Commandery, K. T. He still remains connected with his university Greek letter fraternity. Mr. Weaver belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DANIEL MOWERY, one of the well-known citizens of Salt Creek township, where he owns several valuable farms, was born in this township, December 27, 1838, and is a son of Peter and Leah (Dunkle) Mowery.

The Mowery and Dunkle families both came to America from Germany and to Ohio from Pennsylvania. The grandparents of Daniel Mowery were very early settlers in Salt Creek township, coming when their son Peter was but a small boy. The family has grown and prospered and to-day is one of substance and high standing in Salt Creek township. Peter Mowery died July 19, 1858, in his 57th year. He was one of the early members of the Lutheran Church at Tarlton.

Daniel Mowery was reared a farmer boy and obtained his education in the schools in the vicinity of his home. From boyhood until the present time he has given attention to farming and he has been counted with the township's most successful agriculturists for many years. He owns two farms in Salt Creek township; one, the home place, comprises 104 acres, while the other consists of 88 acres. Mr. Mowery's wife owns a farm of 78½ acres in the same township.

On August 21, 1865, Mr. Mowery was married to Lucinda Strous, who was born November 27, 1843, in Hocking County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Swoyer) Strous, the former of whom was born in Hocking County and the latter in Fairfield County. Samuel Strous was a son of Jacob Strous, who was born in Pennsylvania and settled at an early day in Hocking County, Ohio. Samuel Strous was one of Pickaway's prominent men and served as county commissioner. He brought his family to this county

when Mrs. Mowery was a child and she grew to womanhood here and was educated in the Salt Creek township schools. Mr. and Mrs. Mowery have two daughters—Laura E. and Mary E.

Mr. Mowery has always been an active supporter of the Democratic party. He has always done his duty as a good citizen in assisting in the improving of the public schools, in the making of good roads and in furthering all enterprises which, in his judgment, have been likely to be of benefit to the community. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he has long been treasurer and in which he is a deacon.

JOHN S. HOLDERMAN, who was a well-known citizen and agriculturist of Pickaway township, was born February 17, 1864, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, and died February 26, 1899. He was a son of Lewis and Mary (Foresman) Holderman.

The parents of Mr. Holderman were both born in Ohio, the father in Pickaway and the mother in Franklin County. They removed from Salt Creek township to Pickaway township during the youth of our subject and he was reared in the latter township and was educated in the public schools. His life was entirely an agricultural one and he was well known all over the county as a successful farmer and stock-raiser. His large estate of 278 acres was capably managed and it is still the source of an ample income to his widow and children.

On February 11, 1891, Mr. Holderman was married to Carrie E. Downs, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 5, 1871, and is a daughter of Thomas and Annanda (Moore) Downs, who reside in Ross County, Ohio, near Kingston. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Holderman, namely: Helen N., born June 27, 1893; Mary E., born July 23, 1895; and Mildred, born January 8, 1898.

In politics Mr. Holderman was a staunch Republican. He was not willing to accept

many offices but served one term as township trustee. He was a public-spirited, useful citizen and he was respected by those who knew him and sincerely mourned by his family and a large circle of friends.



WS. SEE, one of the leading general merchants at Williamsport, is an enterprising and progressive young business man of the place. He was born in Hardy County, West Virginia, October 8, 1871, and is a son of A. J. and Elizabeth (Whitmore) See.

The parents of Mr. See still reside on their farm in Hardy County, the father having always followed an agricultural life. Of his 12 children—six sons and six daughters—eight survive. Of these W. S., of this sketch, was the only one to come to Ohio.

W. S. See was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the public schools. Until 1894 he followed farming in his native locality and also near Roanoke, Virginia, and then moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, and followed farming in Deer Creek township until he settled as a merchant at Williamsport. In 1905 he purchased the store of J. H. Dunlap, and since then has not only kept the old trade but has so built it up that many new features have been introduced in order to supply the demand. Mr. See carries a complete line of dry goods, curtains, shoes, boots, notions, queensware and groceries and also deals largely in butter and eggs. He operates the only wagon scale in the town. He has a wagon running through the country and sells choice groceries to the farmers at their very doors, purchasing in return their butter and eggs. Some idea of the size of his business may be inferred from the fact that last year he bought 20,009 dozen eggs, paying therefor \$3,001.35. Mr. See has every reason to feel confident that his sales on general stock this year will be doubled, as he has better facilities and trade relations and as he has gained many new patrons. The business is one of the most important ones of the town.

In 1895 Mr. See was united in marriage with Jeanettie Corkwell, who was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of the late Henry Corkwell.

Mr. See is active only in national politics, when he votes with the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America at Williamsport.



EDWIN E. SPENCE, who is extensively engaged in farming in Jackson township, resides on what is known as the Wellington White farm, a tract of 413 acres which is situated on the Florence Chapel turnpike. He was born near Vernon, in Kent County, Delaware, November 12, 1861, and is a son of Emory and Anna E. (Smith) Spence.

The father of Mr. Spence died when he was a child of eight years, having spent his whole life in Delaware. The mother married again and now resides in Maryland. Edwin E. Spence is the third in the family of six children born to his parents, the others being: Alice, wife of Harry Picket, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Anna, wife of B. T. Seedars, of Maryland; William, of Champaign County, Ohio; and two that died in infancy.

Edwin E. Spence remained on the home farm in Kent County, Delaware, until he was 19 years of age, acquiring his education in the local schools. In 1881 he removed to Ross County, Ohio, some years later came to Pickaway County, returned then for six years more to Ross County, after which he came back to Pickaway. For 11 years he resided in Deer Creek township and then came to his present location. He rents the Wellington White farm, working it on shares. He is a thorough farmer and successful stock-raiser. He devotes a large portion of the land to wheat and corn, and keeps six teams busy. His cattle and stock are all first-class and at present he has a fine herd of 12 head of Shorthorn cattle which would stand a very good chance of taking prizes if exhibited. For some eight

years he has been breeding chickens, his choice being the Barred Plymouth Rock variety. His hogs are the Poland China strain. Mr. Spence raises many fine horses also, having 16 head at present and is one of the owners of the valuable stud "Arsenic," which is the property of a stock company. Mr. Spence has little time at his disposal for matters outside his large farming interests at present. During his residence in Deer Creek township he served as a member of the Board of Education and for one year was its president.

On February 18, 1886, Mr. Spence was married to Jessie Goldsberry, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, February 7, 1863, and is a daughter of George W. and Mary Jane (Crumpton) Goldsberry, who reared 14 children. Mr. and Mrs. Spence have no family. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. When Mr. Spence was 11 years of age he united with the Baptist Church and continued in that connection for 20 years. He is now one of the trustees of the Renick Methodist Episcopal Church, a class leader, superintendent of the Sunday-school and district steward.

The Spence family originated in Ireland. On the maternal side, Mr. Spence's grandfather was John Wesley Smith, who was a distinguished officer in the Union Army during the Civil War, commanding a Delaware regiment.



HENRY P. FOLSOM, a prominent attorney-at-law, at Circleville, a member of the firm of Abernethy & Folsom, was born in Logan County, Ohio, in 1854, and is a son of Charles and Lydia P. (Pennock) Folsom.

Joshua Folsom, the grandfather, was a well-known attorney at Circleville for many years. He was born at Epping, New Hampshire, and came to Pickaway County, Ohio, about 1811. He was a graduate of Brown University and a man of refined, scholarly tastes. He continued his practice of law here and in Columbus, Ohio, until 1832, when he moved to Logan County, where he resided until his

death in 1840. His son Charles followed farming and milling in Logan County. He married Lydia P. Pennock, who belonged to one of the old and honorable families of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

A brother of Charles Folsom, and an uncle of our subject, applied to the Common Pleas Court of Pickaway County, Ohio, to have his name changed from Henry Folsom to Henry Folsom Page. This was not done in order to separate him from any of his kindred, but because there were many individuals of his name in the locality, which fact caused constant trouble. He was a man of brilliant parts, graduated from the Oxford Preparatory School when but nine years of age, and later graduated from Miami University and from Harvard Law School. He lived from 1845 until his death in 1891 as Henry Folsom Page.

Henry P. Folsom was reared to maturity in Logan County and was educated at the normal school at Lebanon. His law studies were pursued at the University of Michigan. One year after his return to Circleville, he entered the office of his uncle, Henry Folsom Page. From 1876 to 1880 he practiced law in Toledo, Ohio. In 1880 the present law partnership was formed, as Page, Abernethy & Folsom, developing from Page & Abernethy, and this continued until 1886, when Mr. Page withdrew. In this year the firm became Abernethy & Folsom, which continued until 1890, when the senior partner was elected to the common pleas bench. In 1891 the firm became Folsom & Pontius, which continued until the close of Judge Abernethy's term, when the old firm was again established. Since his admission to the bar, in 1876, Mr. Folsom has given his profession almost his undivided attention and occupies a leading position as a member of the bar of Pickaway County.

Henry P. Folsom was married October 28, 1885, to Katharine McLeod Smith, of St. Louis, Missouri. Five children have been born to this marriage, namely: Seward G.; Margaret L., deceased in 1904, at the age of 10 years; Henry P., Jr.; and two that died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Folsom is a staunch Repub-

lican and his name has frequently been used in connection with important State offices. Whenever he has consented to be a candidate, he has made big inroads on the majorities of the opposing party.



SAMUEL BOGGS, proprietor of "Riverside Farm," a fine tract of 350 acres of land, situated in Pickaway township, comprising fertile farming land and well-watered pasturage, is one of the leading agriculturists and dairymen of the county. Mr. Boggs was born on the "Logan Elm Farm," in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 1, 1860, and is a son of James T. and Minerva (Whitesel) Boggs, and a grandson of the distinguished Maj. John Boggs, the soldier, scout and pioneer.

Scarcely any name in Pickaway County recalls memories of men whose solid services to this section entitle them to more honorable mention, than does that of Boggs. There is much documentary proof to show that John Boggs, the great-grandfather of Samuel Boggs, was the first white man to build his cabin in the forests of Pickaway County. The date was shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War, about 1788. This cabin was built on what has long been known as the "Logan Elm Farm" in Pickaway township, for many years remaining the property of the family. It was under this now famous old elm tree that the great Indian chief Logan made his never-to-be forgotten speech, and under its spreading branches that Lord Dunmore concluded his treaty with the Indians, in 1774. While this treaty opened up this section to white settlement, but few white men ventured into what was still considered dangerous territory, for some years.

Maj. John Boggs, like his father, was a native of Virginia, and was born near Wheeling, in 1775. In 1788 he accompanied his parents to Pickaway County, Ohio. He was married in 1803, and his eight children were born in a log cabin which stood on the present site of the handsome monument which was erected many years later by the side of the

famous Logan Elm by John Boggs, Jr. Major Boggs died on the old farm in 1862. He had served through the War of 1812 and was with General Jackson at New Orleans.

James T. Boggs, father of Samuel and son of Maj. John Boggs, was born on the "Logan Elm Farm" and here spent his life, following agricultural pursuits. His death was occasioned by an accident on the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad, at Circleville, in 1886. He married Minerva Whitesel, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, and four of their children survived, namely: Taylor, of Chillicothe; Irwin, of Circleville; Samuel; and James, of Circleville.

Samuel Boggs was reared on the farm above mentioned and was educated in the Boggs school district in Pickaway township and at Kingston. In 1885 he settled on his present farm, which he operates largely as a dairy farm, having herds of fine Jersey cattle. His dairy is one of the largest industries of its kind in his section of the county.

On September 1, 1885, Mr. Boggs was united in marriage with Rose Kellenberger, who was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of George and Jane (Ingram) Kellenberger, the former a native of Pickaway County and the latter of Ross County, Ohio. George Kellenberger was also born on the "Logan Elm Farm," and was a son of George Kellenberger, who came from Virginia to Pickaway County as a pioneer. He was a miller and millwright and it is said that he built the first grist-mill ever operated in Pickaway County on the Scioto River. The children of George and Jane (Ingram) Kellenberger were: Rose (Mrs. Boggs); Ida, wife of Dr. G. W. Butler, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; James E., a resident of Trail, British Columbia; Wilbur B., of Pickaway township; Belle, wife of H. E. Hunt, of Newark, Ohio; and Harry, of Pickaway township. The Kellenbergers have always been identified with the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs have four sons, viz.: Ralph M., Evan S., Ned J. and Fred H.

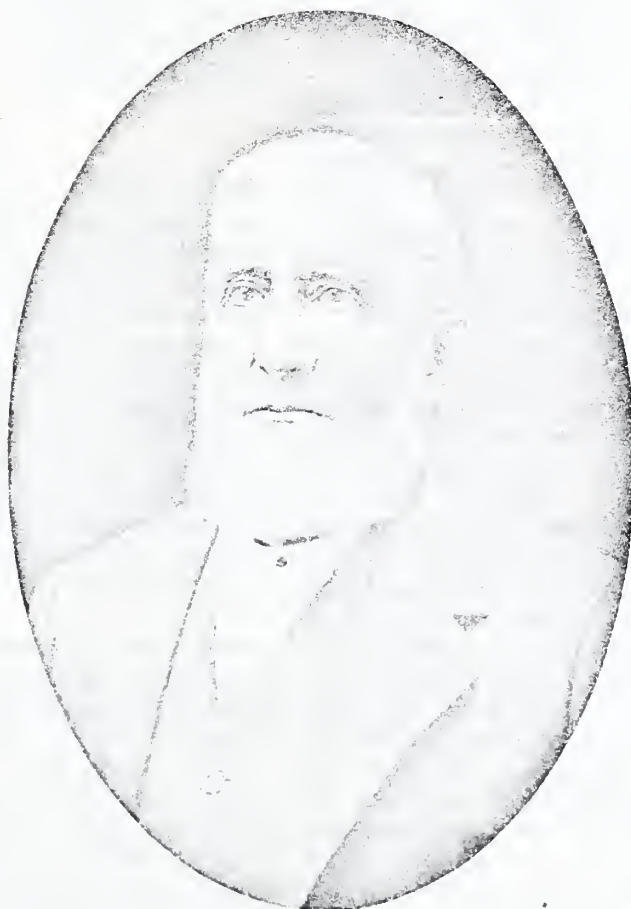
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HARRY FREMONT ALKIRE.




MRS. MELISSA A. ALKIRE.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ALKIRE

of the public schools and is now serving as a member of the School Board of District No. 6, which was formerly known as the Boggs school district. In his views on public questions he is broad-minded but neither one of the great political parties appeal to his sense of justice and he supports the Prohibition party. Both he and his wife are valued members of Emmett Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee. The family has always been one of social importance in Pickaway township.

ARRY FREMONT ALKIRE, a well-known resident of Deer Creek township resides on his valuable farm of 175 acres on the Chillicothe turnpike.

He has attained success in his profession as surveyor and at the same time has capably managed the work on his farm. Mr. Alkire was born on what is now a part of the John P. Bennett farm, in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on March 5, 1862, and is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary (Darr) Alkire. Mr. Alkire comes of a pioneer family of this locality, which has been established in America for upwards of two centuries.

The Alkire family history is easily traced back to 1626, when, according to evidence copied from records at The Hague, there lived in Holland, near Arnheim on the Rhine, a family bearing a coat of arms given by William II, Prince of Orange; the baronetcy name was Algire. The arms, which were on a silver shield, may thus be described: Crest, a falcon, red beak and feet; bunch of grapes and wine-glass; pike and cross sword; with the motto—"Cum Salus." Only noblemen and men of rank used gold and silver shields; the commoners used leather and wood. In religious belief the members of this family were Lutherans. Their forefathers were from Scotland, where the family name was spelled Alkirk.

In the 17th century, one Almonious Alkire came to America with Lord Baltimore and others. He settled on Albemarle Sound, near the Virginia shore and took part with the

Governor in his various campaigns against the Indians. An Almonious Alkire was in the battle of Fort Chillicothe, in Ross County, Ohio. In 1720, near Moorefield, Virginia (now West Virginia), he married Mary Crayman. To this union were born four children, namely: William, born in 1724, who married Elizabeth Moore in Virginia and had 12 children; Deborah, born in 1728; Almonious, Jr., born in 1730; and Sarah, born in 1732.

Almonious Alkire, Jr., was married near Moorefield, Virginia, in 1751, to Lydia Patten and to them were born six children, as follows: Adam, born in 1753; Margaret, born in 1757; Almonious, born in 1762; Dolly, born in 1765; Michael, the grandfather of our subject; and George, born in 1773, who became a minister of the Gospel.

Michael Alkire was born in Kentucky in 1771 and was there married on January 6, 1793, to Dorothy Phebus, a lady of Scotch descent but of Kentucky birth. They had three children born to them during their residence near Harrodsburg, Kentucky, namely: John M., born November 16, 1793; Nimrod, born March 27, 1796; and Sarah, born July 18, 1798. In 1800 Michael Alkire with his family and some of his brothers moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, settling on Deer Creek near Williamsport. Here he built the old log cabin of two rooms which continued to be the family home for many years, and stood until 1906. Mr. Alkire lived here until his death, February 11, 1843, and was buried on the home farm. At the time of his decease he owned large tracts of land. His wife died May 11, 1854. Seven children were born to Michael Alkire and his wife after they came to Ohio, namely: Nancy, William M., Katharine, Ruan, James, Alexander and Benjamin Franklin. Of the 10 children born to Michael Alkire and wife, John M. married Katharine Halstead; Nimrod married a Miss Baggs; Sarah married James Hearst; Nancy married Capt. Elliot Halstead; William M. married his cousin, Mary Alkire; Katharine married Phineas Cade; Ruan married Alabartis Halstead, son of Dr. Abraham Halstead; Benjamin Franklin married Hannah Halstead, a sister of Alabartis Halstead.

John M. Alkire's wife was a sister of Capt. Elliot Halstead and Dr. Abraham Halstead. Their parents were Captain John and Sarah Halstead, who were born in New Jersey in 1750 and who moved to Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1817, dying on their farm near Yellow Bud, three miles east of Williamsport. Dr. Abraham Halstead was born in New York in 1782; his wife was a Schryver.

Benjamin Franklin Alkire, father of Harry F. Alkire, was born in the little log cabin in Deer Creek township, mentioned above, in 1818, and lived on this place practically all his life, having passed a few years on the John P. Bennett farm. He was a member of a light horse company that was organized to pursue Morgan, the raider, during the Civil War. By profession he was a surveyor and in addition he had large farming interests.

The first marriage of Benjamin F. Alkire was to Hannah Halstead, daughter of Dr. Abraham Halstead, and they had one daughter, Elizabeth E., who became Mrs. Madison Loofbourrow and is now a resident of Mount Sterling, Ohio. Mr. Alkire married (second) Mary Darr, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of David and Mary (Probst) Darr. They had the following children: Mai, wife of William A. Bazore, who lives on the Judas road in Deer Creek township, where he conducts a mill; Frank D., who lives in Deer Creek township on the Chillicothe turnpike; and Harry Fremont, the subject of this sketch.


Harry Fremont Alkire first attended the Mount Pleasant school and later the district school conducted in a schoolhouse standing on his father's land. This schoolhouse had been built by Benjamin F. Alkire without outside assistance, mainly with the idea of providing school advantages for his own children, but it was open to all those in the neighborhood. Mr. Alkire learned the profession of surveying by assisting his father and this practical experience proved far more valuable than any book knowledge of the subject that he secured. From the age of 10 years he accompanied his father on his many surveys, and by the time

he attained the age of 18 years, when his father no longer engaged in surveying, he was able to fill the contracts and has continued in the profession ever since. For some three years he has served as deputy county surveyor and is the logical candidate of his party for county surveyor at the next convention. In addition to his work in this line, Mr. Alkire has proven himself an admirable farmer, his 175-acre farm being under a fine state of cultivation. He is one of the best known men in Deer Creek township, having lived here since he was two years old.

On July 24, 1887, Mr. Alkire was married to Melissa Ater, who was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jackson and Drusilla (Boots) Ater. They have one daughter, Olive, who was born April 17, 1888, and was graduated from the Williamsport High School in the class of 1906. She is an accomplished, engaging young lady, very popular in social circles.

Politically Mr. Alkire is a Democrat. He has served in many of the local offices, including those of assessor, deputy county surveyor and land appraiser. Since he was 21 years of age, Mr. Alkire has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is an active member of Lodge No. 721, at Clarksburg, being also a member of the Rebekahs. He also belongs to Lodge No. 478, Knights of Pythias, at Williamsport. Formerly he was a member of the Grange.


Portraits of Benjamin F. Alkire and Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Alkire accompany this sketch, being shown on preceding pages. Elsewhere in this work is shown a view of the Alkire home.

HOMAS B. BETTS, a prominent young farmer and stock-raiser of Deer Creek township, was born on the old Betts homestead in this township on June 4, 1871, and is a son of George and Mary (Phillips) Betts and grandson of John W. and Harriet (Gordy) Betts.

Mr. Betts was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of the lo-

cality and the Williamsport High School, subsequently attending the McCafferty Business College at Columbus, after which he returned home and took up farming. He remained at home until 1893 when he was married and located in Perry township, making that his home for the next six or seven years. He afterward moved to the Dunlap farm and finally located on his present farm, the Henry Corkwell place, situated in the northwest corner of Deer Creek township, which he purchased in 1901. He has since made this his home and has been engaged in farming and stock-raising.

In 1893 Mr. Betts was married to Gettie May Jolley, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Allen and Lucy (Marsh) Jolley, residents of Deer Creek township, now living in the village of Williamsport. Mr. and Mrs. Betts have three children: Ethel, born February 19, 1894; Essie, born September 9, 1896; and Charles Cherrington, born August 28, 1900. Politically Mr. Betts is a Democrat. Both Mr. and Mrs. Betts are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Williamsport.


COTT DRESBACH, a well-known citizen of Pickaway County, and a prominent agriculturist of Salt Creek township, where he owns a well-cultivated farm of 120 acres, was born in Salt Creek township, December 6, 1860, and is a son of William and Margaret (Earnhart) Dresbach.

Mr. Dresbach belongs to one of the old pioneer families of this part of the State, his grandfather, George Dresbach, having located in Salt Creek township prior to 1828, probably just after the close of his service in the War of 1812. Both parents of Mr. Dresbach were born in Salt Creek township and passed their lives there. Eight of their children still survive, namely: James A., Mary (Coombs), George E., Harriet (Julian), Milton, Catherine (Reichelderfer), Amanda (Shride) and Scott.

Scott Dresbach was reared in his native township and obtained his education in the township schools. He has always been a farmer and stock-raiser and resides on a part of the old homestead farm. The residence is one of the oldest in this neighborhood, having been constructed by his grandfather, George Dresbach, in 1828. It has been much changed, improvements having been made and comforts added, but the old brick walls still stand without a break. Thorough construction and honest building was done in the days when this house was built, which, at that time, was considered one of the finest homes in the township.

On March 13, 1885, Mr. Dresbach was married to Caroline Brady, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of the late Philip Brady, of Circleville. Five children have been born to this marriage, as follows: Frederick S., Mary C., Fannie, Wayne W. and Howard.

Politically Mr. Dresbach is a Republican. He has always been a liberal supporter of public-spirited movements for the common good in his township, and is justly considered a most worthy citizen. While not identified with any religious body, all moral and educational enterprises may be sure of his approval, and his hand is open to assist those who have been subjected to unjust misfortune, and his sympathy is extended to those in sorrow. He has a wide circle of friends in Salt Creek township.

EORGE W. STOKER, a successful farmer of Harrison township, who is now operating the Stevenson farm of 160 acres, was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 12, 1859, and is a son of George and Minerva (Cox) Stoker.

The Stoker family has been identified with Pickaway County for a great many years. It was founded here by Lewis Stoker, the grandfather of George W., who came from Germany and settled near Circleville in Circleville township. He lost his life through an acci-

dent while assisting in raising a barn. His family consisted of seven daughters and two sons, viz.: Maria (Brotherin), who still survives, at the age of 86 years; Susan, wife of William Grenow, of Nashville, Tennessee; Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of Peter Rush, of South Bloomfield; Charlotte, living in Kansas, who is the widow of George Bachtell, formerly of Circleville; Emma, deceased; Kate, who died in Tennessee in 1903; a daughter that died in infancy; George; and William, who resides at Mount Blanchard, Ohio.

George Stoker, father of George W., was born in Pickaway County and died February 8, 1893, at the age of 68 years. His widow resides on a farm at New Holland, having reached her 72nd year. Mr. Stoker was a Democrat in political sentiment. For many years he was a large farmer in Pickaway County. His family consisted of six sons and two daughters, as follows: Jacob, deceased; Alice; Emma; George W., of this sketch; William, who is engaged in a livery business at Chillicothe; Samuel, who is in the livery business at New Holland; and Charles and Thurman, who are engaged in farming near New Holland.

George W. Stoker was educated in the district schools and then assisted his father on the farm until he was 26 years of age. After his marriage, he resided in Muhlenberg township for eight years, following farming.

On March 1, 1899, he moved on the Stevenson farm and on the 160 acres he grows all kinds of grain—wheat, corn and oats and also many fine potatoes. He is extensively engaged in stock-raising also and owns a large number of excellent horses, cattle and swine. His methods are practical and thorough and he sustains the reputation of being one of the best farmers of his section.

In April, 1886, Mr. Stoker was married to Amy V. Pomeroy, a daughter of Frank and Lucetta (Duvall) Pomeroy, the latter of whom was a descendant of General Duvall, of Marietta, Ohio. Mrs. Stoker's grandfather, Justin Pomeroy, was an early settler and was the first man to successfully raise broom corn in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Stoker have four sons, viz.: Howard E., Roy E., Harry and George Bryan.

Mr. Stoker has been very prominently identified with the county politics and has served on many important committees of the Democratic party and for years has been a delegate to various conventions. His fraternal relations are with Palmetto Lodge, No. 514, Knights of Pythias.



D. SCHUMM, one of the early business men of Circleville, who has been identified with this city for the past 30 years, conducts a large shoe house here. He was born in 1854 in Pennsylvania, and is a son of Thomas Schumm, whose life was spent in that State.

A. D. Schumm was reared and educated in his native State, which he left at the age of 20 years. In 1876 he opened up a shoe business at Circleville and this he has continued to the present time. He is one of the old and reliable business men and is known to a large number of the residents of this city.

In 1878 Mr. Schumm was married to Lydia Palm, who is a daughter of Lewis Palm and a member of one of the old pioneer families of the county. Their children are: Nellie, wife of J. F. Mader, a shoe merchant at Circleville; Martha, Ralph and Lucile. The family belong to the Lutheran Church. Mr. Schumm is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



WILLIAM A. BEOUGHER, who owns a fine farm of 118 acres in Washington township, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, December 12, 1853, and is a son of Benjamin C. and Katherine (Cook) Beougher.

The parents of Mr. Beougher were born in Ohio and his grandparents in Pennsylvania. The father died in Ohio and the mother in Kansas. Their family consisted of three sons and two daughters, namely: William A.; Joel A.; Harvey; Susan, wife of M. A. Lohr; and Christina, who married Samuel McFadden.

Mr. Beougher was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools. On

February 22, 1882, he married Eliza J. Ball, who is a daughter of John W. Ball, of Hocking County, and they have three children, Cora B., Pearl E. and Ethel M. Pearl E. is a bright and promising student at Otterbein University. Mrs. Beougher has two sisters—Priscilla, who is the wife of George W. Trimmer, and Isabella, who married W. W. McDonald; and one brother—John H., who married Margaret Hash and has two children—Emma and Henry.

Mr. Beougher and family belong to the United Brethren Church. For many years he has been an active worker in the Sunday-school and is its very capable superintendent. He is a very highly respected man and is well known all through Washington township.



MILTON B. ATER, a prosperous farmer, residing on the Clarksburg turnpike, in Deer Creek township, was born in this township, August 6, 1850, and is a son of David and Maria (Ater) Ater, and a grandson of William and Margaret (Colston) Ater, early residents of the county.

David Ater was born in Deer Creek township, where his life was spent as a farmer. He married Maria Ater, a daughter of John Ater and a granddaughter of Abraham Ater, who was a pioneer in Ross County. John Ater was the first of his branch of the Ater family to come to Pickaway County. He married Elizabeth Bethard and among their children was Maria, the mother of our subject. The children of David and Maria Ater were: John, who occupies a farm adjoining that of our subject; Milton B.; and Catherine, who died aged eight months.

Milton B. Ater was reared in his native township, attended the local schools and has always been a farmer. He was a child when his father died and was reared on the old John Ater farm. In 1891 he purchased the farm he now successfully operates, which contains 113 acres of fine land, which he devotes to farming and stock-raising.

On December 28, 1875, Mr. Ater was married to Angeline Boots, who was born in Deer Creek township, and is a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Ater) Boots. Her grandfather, Joseph Boots, died in the military service of his country, in the War of 1812. Mrs. Ater's father and mother had 10 children, the nine survivors being: Martha, who is single; Drusilla, wife of Jackson Ater, of Williamsport; Amelia, wife of Daniel Ater, of Deer Creek township; Missouri, wife of David M. Ater, of Deer Creek township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Angeline (Mrs. Milton B. Ater); Clinton, of Washington Court House, Ohio; Catherine (Pickle), of Deer Creek township; Stephen, of Williamsport; and Lizzie, living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Ater have had four children, namely: Harvey C., who died at the age of twenty-two years; Heber N., who lives on the home farm; Charles Turney, deceased; and Ward D., living at home.

Mr. Ater is a Democrat in his political views. He served some years as township supervisor, but has never taken a very active part in political life, having a preference for the quiet pursuits of agriculture, finding in these both pleasure and profit.



P. DEEDS, secretary of the Scioto Canning Company, an important industrial concern of Circleville, was born at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, March 3, 1871, and is a son of Charles S. Deeds.

The father of Mr. Deeds was a traveling salesman, with headquarters at Columbus, representing the Wolfe Company, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. For a number of years he also traveled in the interests of the Case Company, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Deeds spent his boyhood and youth at Lancaster, Bremen and Wilmington, Ohio, and when 16 years of age learned telegraphy. For 11 years he was an operator in the traffic and transportation department of the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania railroads.

In 1898 he became accountant and bookkeeper for C. E. Sears & Company, of Circleville, continuing with the firm for one year. When the Scioto Canning Company was organized, on January 30, 1899, Mr. Deeds became secretary and accountant, a position he still fills.

On October 6, 1891, Mr. Deeds was married to Frances I. Farrell, who is a daughter of Robert H. Farrell, of Philo, Muskingum County, Ohio. They have one son, Forrest Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Deeds are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Deeds is a Mason, being a member of blue lodge, council and chapter at Circleville. He is worthy patron of the Circleville lodge of the order of the Eastern Star.

EZRA SMITH, who for a number of years has been one of Muhlenberg township's most energetic and progressive men, was born near Mount Sterling, Madison County, Ohio, June 8, 1857, and is a son of Thornton and Rebecca (Tripp) Smith. Thornton Smith was a native of Virginia and his wife was born in Logan County, Ohio. He died in Madison County on February 20, 1886, and his wife is now living in Wrightsville, Ohio, at the advanced age of 86 years. They had seven children: Henry, who lives in Madison County; Arabella, who married David Thorn, of Muhlenberg township; Ezra, subject of this sketch; David, who lives in Wrightsville; Alice, wife of Lewis Brown, residing in Madison County; Thornton, who lives in Harrisburg, Ohio; and Martha (Griffith), who is deceased.

Ezra Smith spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Madison County, moved with the family in 1870 to Pickaway County, where they remained for five years, and returned to Madison County with them in 1875. He was married in 1880 to Augusta Nickell, who was born in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Andrew and Isabelle (Ramey) Nickell, who were born and married in Vinton County, Ohio. Mr. Nickell

enlisted from Circleville in the 114th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., in 1862 and died while in the service. His widow subsequently married Isaac Brown and resides near Darbyville. Mr. Smith has one son, Pearl Emerson, who was born March 5, 1897, on the farm where the family now reside.

After his marriage, Mr. Smith rented a farm near Mount Sterling and worked by the day for about two years. He then rented 30 acres of timberland, and during the four years he had possession of the property he cleared and put it under cultivation, each year raising a good crop of corn on the portion cleared. He then leased a 73-acre tract in the vicinity where he lived for 11 years. In 1897 he purchased a farm of 87½ acres in Muhlenberg township on the Florence Chapel turnpike about eight miles from Circleville. At that time the place presented a rather wild appearance, being mostly stumps and timberland. Mr. Smith has cleared all this and has it in a high state of cultivation. He has devoted his whole time to the development of the farm, has erected a fine home and also a barn and other necessary outbuildings and has put down over 1,100 rods of drain tile. He has now one of the best improved farms in the township. Mr. Smith is a Republican and served as school trustee for three years.


JOA H WEAVER, a substantial citizen and leading farmer of Pickaway County, who owns 550 acres of valuable land in this county, was born in 1845 in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Benheimer) Weaver.

Jacob Weaver was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and came as an early settler to this section of Pickaway County, where, at first, he followed shoemaking and later became a large farmer and extensive stock-raiser. He served in the Mexican War. He married Catherine Benheimer, who was born in Germany and came to Ohio with her parents, when three years of age. Jacob

Weaver and wife had a family of seven sons and one daughter, of whom the following still survive: John C., of Circleville; Abraham L., of Washington township; Isaac, of St. Louis, Missouri; Philip, of Washington Court House; and Noah, of this sketch.

Noah Weaver was reared in Washington township and attended the local schools. He has been one of the largest and most successful farmers in the county and formerly was one of the leading stock-raisers, paying much attention to promoting the sheep industry. Apart from his agricultural interests, he has always been more or less prominent in public affairs in his township, at all times performing the duties of a good, reliable citizen.

Mr. Weaver was married in October, 1889, to Minnie E. Mowery, who is a daughter of W. H. Mowery, who served two terms as a county commissioner of Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have two sons and one daughter, viz.: Frederick, Lloyd and Nellie May. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Circleville. Fraternally Mr. Weaver is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

 T. ALMAGE E. ROSS, a prominent farmer and well-known citizen of Pickaway township, was born in this township, November 22, 1862, and is a son of James G. and Elizabeth (Whisler) Ross.

The late James G. Ross, whose death occurred in 1888, was born in 1832 in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he spent his entire life. It was mainly devoted to farming and stock-raising and he became prominent and wealthy in these lines. He was a son of Moses L. Ross, who was one of the early settlers of Pickaway County. In 1858 James G. Ross married Elizabeth Whisler, who still survives. She is a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Morris) Whisler, one of a family of 11 children, which has eight survivors, namely: Jacob, of Nebraska; Anna, widow of John Hyme, of Kansas; Owen, of Columbus,


Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, of Whisler, Ohio; Simon, of Indiana; John, of LaFayette, Indiana; Mary, at home; and Elizabeth, widow of James G. Ross.

James G. Ross was a Democrat in his political faith. He served as assessor and as trustee of Pickaway township. During the Civil War he answered the call for 100-day men and served out that period.

The surviving children of James G. Ross and wife are: John D., a resident of Kansas; Talmage, the subject of this sketch; Laura Alice, wife of Milton K. Dressback, of Walnut township; Sarah, wife of George W. Holderman, of Pickaway township; and Mary, who resides with her mother, at Circleville. Mrs. Ross is one of the venerated members of the Baptist Church at Circleville.

Talmage E. Ross has always been a resident of Pickaway township. He has charge of the homestead farm and is largely interested in farming and stock-raising. For a number of years he has been a prominent political factor in the county and is a member of the Democratic County Central Committee.

On January 18, 1893, Mr. Ross was married to Mattie Kibler, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Peter Kibler, of Circleville. Mr. Ross is one of the enterprising, public-spirited young men of his section, and enjoys the confidence of his fellow-citizens and keeps friendships which he formed in childhood.

 H. SWEETMAN, county surveyor of Pickaway County, is a well-known citizen of Circleville, which is his native place. He is a son of M. A. Sweetman, a leading attorney of Circleville, who has lived in Pickaway County since 1843.

J. H. Sweetman is following the line of work in which he has been more or less interested all his life. After graduating at the Circleville High School, in 1893, he took a course in civil engineering at the Ohio Normal University at Ada, having previously become interested in surveying from having served as

an assistant to County Surveyor Abernethy. After graduation, Mr. Sweetman again became Mr. Abernethy's assistant; remaining as such until 1900, when he was elected county surveyor. He has efficiently filled the position and is now serving his second term. He is an enterprising young man of his native city, of which he is also the engineer, and his friends predict for him higher honors in his chosen profession.

Mr. Sweetman is a member of the Ohio Engineering Society, of the Circleville Athletic Club, and belongs to the Odd Fellows, Red Men and Eagles.

JACOB REID, one of the successful farmers as well as well-known and valued citizens of Salt Creek township, owns a well-tilled farm of 103 acres, on which he has been located since 1891. Mr. Reid was born in Hocking County, Ohio, October 28, 1851, and is a son of Andrew and Anna M. (Hoffman) Reid.

Andrew Reid was born in Hocking County, Ohio, where he resided all his life, dying there in July, 1897. His father, John Reid, settled in Hocking County when the whole country was covered with woods and the family has many respected representatives all through that section. The mother of our subject was born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Jacob Reid was reared in Hocking County and was educated in the schools of Benton township. He started out in life dependent in a great measure upon his own resources, and has acquired what he owns through his own persistent industry and good business management. His life has always been devoted to agricultural pursuits. His present farm is favorably situated for general agriculture and stock-raising, and under his excellent methods large crops and fine cattle are produced. His improvements are such as to make a comfortable and pleasant home.

On March 6, 1890, Mr. Reid was married to Ina M. De Haven, who was born in Salt Creek township, Hocking County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John C. De Haven, of that

section. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have four children, viz.: Roscoe A., Ethel L., Fred N. and Floyd L. Mr. and Mrs. Reid are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Tarlton.

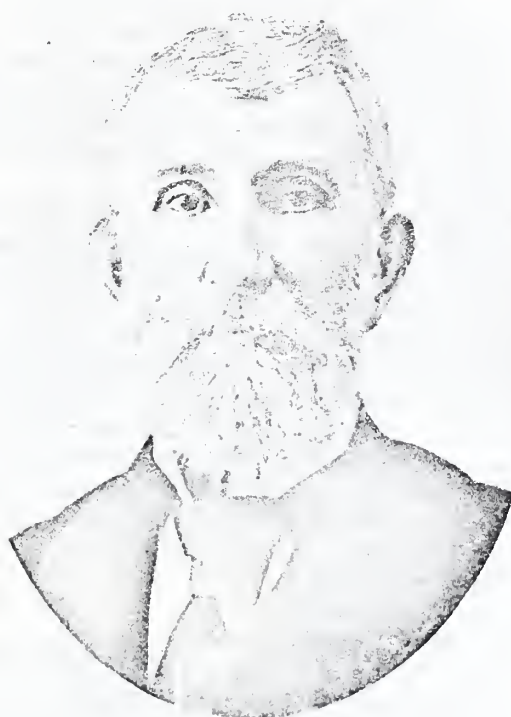
Mr. Reid has served as school director of District No. 1, Salt Creek township, and has always been earnest in his efforts to promote the efficiency of the public schools. He is a man who enjoys the confidence and good will of his neighbors and fellow-citizens.

JOSEPH G. STEELE. Among the well-known and highly esteemed citizens and leading agriculturists of Pickaway township, who have passed from the scenes of life, was Joseph G. Steele, whose death occurred January 16, 1889. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 5, 1823, and was a son of John and Sarah (Smith) Steele, natives of Pennsylvania.

The parents of Mr. Steele settled at an early day in Fairfield County, Ohio, and later removed to Hocking County, where both died.

The late Joseph G. Steele was reared in Fairfield County and his education was secured in the subscription and district schools, although under disadvantages which would probably discourage the boys and girls of today. School facilities in his boyhood were meager and terms of school for farmer boys were confined almost entirely to the cold winter months. Mr. Steele laid a good educational foundation, however, and developed into a well-informed man of excellent business sense. His life was mainly devoted to farming and stock-raising and also to buying and shipping stock. He was an honorable man throughout all his dealings and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of those with whom he had business or personal relations.

Mr. Steele was married on August 7, 1844, to Nancy McDowell, who was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1827, and is a daughter of James and Margaret (Van Enman) McDowell. Both parents were born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. In 1836, Mrs. Steele, then in her



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10th year, accompanied her parents from her native State to Ohio. They settled in what is now Hocking County. They were among the early settlers and Mrs. Steele recalls many interesting events concerning the development of that section, where she grew to young womanhood and was married.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele had four children born to them, namely: William W., Amanda J., John E. and Francis E., all of whom have joined the "great majority." Mrs. Steele, however, takes much comfort in three grandchildren, viz.: Joseph F., of Piqua, Ohio; Mrs. George Myers, of Circleville; and Mrs. M. Haynes, of Chillicothe. Her sister, Mrs. Margaret Rice, and the latter's daughter, Clara Rice, reside with her at Kingston, whither she removed from the farm, after the death of Mr. Steele.

In 1866 Mr. Steele settled with his family in Pickaway township and was identified with its interests until the close of his life. He left a valuable farm of 285 acres, of which Mrs. Steele is the owner. He was a liberal supporter of the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, of Pickaway township. Mrs. Steele united with the Kingston Methodist Episcopal Church when she located there. For many years Mr. Steele was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, taking an active part in the work of the order.

ANDREW H. SHAEFFER, M. D., one of Circleville's venerated citizens, its oldest physician and surgeon, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, has been identified very closely with the various agencies which have contributed to the upbuilding of this city, for the past 36 years. For many of these he has stood at the head of his profession in this section of the State and probably no practitioner in Pickaway County has come more intimately into the lives of its people, whom he has so faithfully served.

Dr. Shaeffer was born in Madison township, Fairfield County, Ohio, September 21, 1821, and is a son of Jacob G. and Elizabeth

(Westenberger) Shaeffer. The family on both sides is of German extraction. The father was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the mother near Hagerstown, Maryland. They came with their own people to Ohio and in 1802 were married in Madison township, Fairfield County. They reared a family of three daughters and two sons, Andrew H. being the youngest and the only survivor.

Andrew H. Shaeffer's boyhood was spent amidst pioneer surroundings, his home being a log cabin and the schoolhouse where he attended school, a rude structure of logs where greased paper did duty as glass in the window openings and rude slabs served as benches. At that time the surrounding woods were thickets of untouched growths of trees and bramble and little was yet seen of the great fruitfulness of this portion of Ohio. The youth possessed intellect and ambition as was shown by his persistent efforts to secure a good education and while many of his associates were still bounding their futures with the plow and harrow, he at the age of 17 was teaching school in order to provide himself with academic advantages. He thus secured attendance for four summers at Greenfield Academy, taught through the winters and then spent one year at Blendon's Young Men's Seminary, now known as Westerville College.

By this time his resolution was formed to begin the study of the science of medicine. About 1844 he began reading under the able direction of Dr. Samuel H. Porter, and during the winters of 1847 and 1848 he attended medical lectures at Willoughby Medical College, which name was changed in the following year to Starling Medical College. At this institution he was graduated, receiving his medical degree in 1849. He entered upon the practice of his profession on April 16, 1849, at Royalton, Fairfield County, Ohio, removing later to Oakland, where he continued in practice until 1870, when he came to Circleville.

In recalling his early practice at Circleville, Dr. Shaeffer remembers the miles and miles of territory he covered in making professional visits, his calls east and west of Circleville coming a distance of 18 miles and his calls

north and south a distance of 14 miles. For 15 years after locating here he attended to his country practice on horseback, riding miles and miles over uncleared land and in many cases fording streams, spending many sleepless nights away from his own couch, in wind and storm, in order to minister to the ailments of others. Physicians in those days did not accumulate large fortunes. Their fees were necessarily moderate and a surprising number of their most distant and insistent patients were satisfied to allow their names to continue on the physician's ledger. Physicians contemporary with Dr. Shaeffer can well remember, also, that the pills and various medicaments, the fluid extracts and healing plasters had to be prepared by the doctor in his own laboratory. This was no light task and Dr. Shaeffer tells of many occasions when an epidemic prevailed and he was kept up all night making, mixing, pounding in mortars and rolling and drying pills, in order to have them ready for his next day's visits. He was the family physician throughout Pickaway County, in many homes before the present young generation came into existence. The vigorous health which originated in a wholesome boyhood always assisted him and even now, when his honored head bears the snows of 85 years, he is an example of the virility which attends upon those who, born with a natural endowment of good health, live out their days consistently with its preservation.

Dr. Shaeffer has been deeply interested in the growth and development of Circleville, in the widening of her prospects and the founding of her industries and enterprises. He was one of the most active promoters in giving to Circleville her fine Opera House, which compares favorably with others in larger cities, also the Masonic Temple, a beautiful structure, the Pickaway County Fair Grounds and the American Strawboard Works. He owns a large amount of real estate, much of it purchased years ago, which has increased many fold in value.

In 1852, Dr. Shaeffer was married to Lanah D. Christy, a daughter of Rev. John Christy, who was a well-known local preacher

in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The two children born to this marriage were a son, who died at the age of 20 months, and a daughter, Isadora Adell, the latter of whom married Jonathan Wall, now of Circleville, but formerly of Buffalo, New York.

Dr. Shaeffer was one of the founders of the old Pickaway County Medical Society, which was established for the purpose of more closely uniting the medical men of the locality and of assisting each other in the exchange of views and experiences, when there were fewer opportunities for general scientific study. This was one of the oldest incorporated medical societies in the State of Ohio.

Politically Dr. Shaeffer has been a staunch Republican ever since the founding of the party more than a half century ago. In 1844 Henry Clay was his model of what a statesman should be and he cast his first presidential vote for him. In 1848 he voted for Gen. Zachary Taylor on account of the principles involved; in 1852 his vote was cast for Gen. Winfield Scott, then a popular military hero; and in 1856 he was an enthusiastic supporter of Gen. John C. Fremont. Ever since, his vote has been cast for the candidates of the Republican party and he is just as firm in his adherence to its principles as he was in the days of the party's inception.

Fraternally Dr. Shaeffer belongs to both of the oldest fraternal organizations, the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He is a Knight Templar in the former order and in his early years was very active in his lodge and formerly filled a number of the official positions in the Blue lodge at Tarlton, Ohio. At the same place he took all the degrees in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for some years was also active in that order, but as his professional demands became more insistent, he gave up active co-operation with this body and was given a demit. He has never resumed active membership in any lodge. In 1843 Dr. Shaeffer united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and to the present day has continued in close connection with it, serving as class leader for 52 years and for 43 years has been a steward. Dr. Shaeffer still attends to his

business affairs but he no longer practices his profession. His medical reputation was long since established, his remarkable skill in combating disease and relieving suffering making his name known over a very large section of Ohio. His long and useful life has been productive of great good to those who have had the privilege of knowing him and of profiting by his strength, his ability, his generosity and his public spirit.

IRWIN BOGGS, one of Circleville's best-known business men and valued citizens, filling the position of vice-president of the New Circleville Canning Company, was born on the "Logan Elm Farm" in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of James T. and Minerva (Whitesel) Boggs.

Irwin Boggs became a student at Delaware, Ohio, after completing the common school course in the vicinity of his home. He then entered the employ of his uncle, John Boggs, who was one of the largest landowners in Pickaway County. In 1883 he took charge of his uncle's farm and continued as its manager until the death of the uncle, when it came into his possession. Mr. Boggs continued to reside on his farm, which contained 650 acres, carrying on extensive operations in farming and stock buying, dealing and shipping, until 1904, when he removed to Circleville. Prior to this he had become financially interested in the canning business, being one of the directors of the New Circleville Canning Company, which was organized in 1901. For the last two years he has served as vice president of the company.

In the fall of 1883, Mr. Boggs was married (first) to Elizabeth Niles, who was a daughter of O. E. Niles, a prominent business man of Circleville. Mrs. Boggs died in 1887, leaving one son, John, who is now associated with the White Automobile Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. A daughter, Lydia, had died in the summer of 1886, aged one year. In 1891 Mr. Boggs was married (second) to Mary Morris, the adopted daughter of B. W. Morris, and a

successful teacher in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs have two children—Morris Irwin and Margaret Antoinette. Mr. Boggs is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

JOHN WESLEY PORTER, a highly respected citizen of Wayne township, has been manager of the extensive farm of Charles Groce, of Circleville, for a number of years. The farm consists of 500 acres. The fine state of cultivation which this land exhibits shows the results of Mr. Porter's fine management and speaks well for his methods of agriculture. Mr. Porter was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in September, 1853, and is a son of James Porter.


Mr. Porter was married in young manhood to Olive Taylor, who is a daughter of Jonathan Taylor, an old resident of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have had nine children born to them—two daughters and seven sons—as follows: Nellie; Christina, who married Harvey Hill, a son of Ezra Hill, and has two children—Orvil and John Ezra; Clarence; James; Cecil; Paul; Lawrence; Carl and Bernard. Mr. Porter is greatly blessed in his children, his daughters being most estimable women and his seven sons all steady, industrious young men, who take a great deal of the farm work on their shoulders. The family is one which is held in very high esteem in Wayne township. Mr. Porter is a Republican in politics.

ISRAEL S. VALENTINE, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Pickaway County, residing in Circleville, was born in the First Ward of Circleville on April 12, 1861, and is a son of Israel Valentine, Sr., who was also a native of Circleville township. Israel Valentine was a well-known agriculturist of the county, engaged extensively in farming and stock-raising. His death occurred in November, 1903.

Israel S. Valentine was reared and educated in Circleville, where he made his home

until his marriage, after which he moved to Washington township, where for the following seven or eight years he was engaged in farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale. He then moved to Circleville township and continued in the same business until 1904, when he took up his residence in the city. He still looks after his farming interests in Pickaway township, on the famous Pickaway Plains, where he has a farm of 200 acres. During the last few years of his active participation in farm work, he bred several very fine track horses. In recent years, in association with his twin brother, Edward Valentine, he has marked several horses, among which were such splendid trotters as Sir Liss and Maggie V.—the former having a record of 2:30 and a trial mark of 2:18¼, and the latter, a record of 2:12½.

In 1887 Mr. Valentine was married to Mazie Walters, a daughter of John Walters, who was one of the leading farmers of Pickaway County. They have one son, Samuel Paul, who is attending school. Mr. Valentine is a member of the Lutheran Church, being also one of its officers.


EORGE E. ROTH, who has been identified with the interests of Circleville for the past 45 years, was born in Mecklenberg, Germany, in 1839, and is a son of George E. and Lizetta Roth.

The father of Mr. Roth followed the same calling as did his father and grandfather and for many years after coming to America conducted a tannery. He started one at Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio, and later with his sons bought the Jackson tannery in Pickaway County, which he operated a long time.

Our subject was reared in Germany until the age of 18 years and received his education in the common schools. At the age of 14 years he commenced working in a tannery, but finally, becoming anxious to see something of the world, he shipped as a cabin boy on a merchant vessel and spent three years on the water, visit-

ing many ports and having many adventures. After leaving the sea, he came to America and joined his father who was then at Harmony, Ohio, and later went to the village of Clifton, where he worked in a tannery until his father started one at Jeffersonville. He continued with his father until all came to Circleville and the father and two sons, William and George E., bought the Jackson tannery. This tannery proved a wise investment and Mr. Roth continued to be interested in its operation until some five years since. During his residence in Ohio he has invested largely in farming lands and now owns 502 acres in Marion township, Fayette County, 150 acres in Jackson township, Pickaway County; two fine store rooms in Circleville, and a fine residence property on North Scioto street. On this site he had a handsome brick residence erected, which cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Mr. Roth was married in 1873 to Elizabeth Mellanpaler, who was also born in Germany. They have two children, viz.: Adolphus F., who is a farmer; and George E., the third of the name, who is agent in the freight department of the Scioto Valley Traction Company at Circleville. Mr. Roth is a member of the Baptist Church.

OHN L. LUTZ, a representative agriculturist as well as a prominent citizen of Salt Creek township, who has a fine farm of 119 acres under excellent cultivation, was born in this township, November 1, 1859, and is a son of Jacob and Lydia (Rank) Lutz.

John Lutz, the paternal grandfather, was of German descent and was born in Pennsylvania. From that State he came early to Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, bringing with him his thrifty habits and his virtues of sterling integrity, and founded a family which has been one of great prominence in this section. Jacob Lutz, father of our subject, was born in Salt Creek township and spent his life here. For a number of years he was a highly respected citizen and for a long period he was

entrusted with the duties of township trustee. In politics he supported the Republican party. He married Lydia Rank and six of their children survive, namely: Levi, of Salt Creek township; Otis, of Columbus; Sarah J., wife of Cephas Newhouse, of Salt Creek township; John L.; Oscar B.; and Minnie D., wife of James Grines, of Chillicothe. The parents of our subject were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Whisler and when they died they were sadly missed in this connection. Jacob Lutz died May 27, 1880. His widow survived until December 12, 1904.

John L. Lutz was reared on his father's farm in Salt Creek township and was educated in the public schools. His whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he is numbered with the excellent farmers of Salt Creek township.

On October 11, 1882, Mr. Lutz was married to Minnie E. Pontious, who was a daughter of Andrew J. Pontious, of Pickaway township. The death of Mrs. Lutz, on January 26, 1906, was an irreparable loss to her husband and the three children who survive her—Edna, Lulu and Denver. She was a lady of most amiable characteristics and her circle of friends and admirers covered the whole community. She is much missed in her immediate circle of friends and acquaintances and in no small degree in the United Evangelical Church, of which she was a most devoted member.

In politics, Mr. Lutz is a supporter of the Republican party. He is a substantial and reliable citizen and upon him have fallen the duties of school director in District No. 8. He has always taken a deep interest in the schools and performs his present duties carefully and conscientiously.

EDWARD C. WILKINS, a well-known resident of Hayesville, and the efficient and popular clerk of Pickaway township, was born in this township, August 1, 1876, and is a son of David and Jane (Zigler) Wilkins.

The parents of Mr. Wilkins are both natives of Ohio, the father born in Belmont

County and the mother, in Muskingum County. David Wilkins has been an agriculturist of Pickaway township for many years and has resided at Hayesville since 1891. He and his wife are numbered with the representative citizens of the section. They have two children, viz.: Luella M., wife of Harry D. Kraft, of Circleville township; and Edward C., of this sketch.

Edward C. Wilkins has always been a resident of his native township. He received an excellent common-school education and since attaining manhood has been more or less prominent in local political circles. He is identified with the Republican party and on its ticket was elected township clerk, and by virtue of this office is also clerk of the township Board of Education. Mr. Wilkins is an enterprising young business man, very popular with all classes and is recognized as one of the township's first-class citizens.

LOUIS SCHNEIDER, superintendent of the Pickaway County Infirmary, and an influential and progressive citizen of Circleville, was born in Circleville, Ohio, January 2, 1867. He is a son of Jacob and Jacobena Schneider, both natives of Germany, who reared a family of five children, of whom three are now living, namely: Louis; Jennie, wife of Thomas Tipton, of Williamsport, Ohio; and Kathryn, now living in Columbus, Ohio. Jacob Schneider died February 2, 1878.

Louis Schneider was reared and educated in Circleville and Williamsport, and in Pickaway County has spent all of his life. In 1880 he moved to Williamsport, where he was engaged as a barber until 1902, when the board of directors appointed him superintendent of the County Infirmary, which position he has held for four years, having been reappointed by the board every year since he first took charge.

Mr. Schneider has always been identified with the Democratic party, and has taken an active interest in politics for several years, hav-

ing served faithfully in several township offices. He was clerk of the Board of Education for four years; clerk of Deer Creek township for four years and for several years was a member of the Democratic Central Committee from Deer Creek township.

Mr. Schneider was married December 6, 1893, to Mollie Skinner, a daughter of Adolphus Skinner, a prominent farmer of Perry township, Pickaway County, who came to this county from Athens County, Ohio. They have one child—Ethel. Fraternally, Mr. Schneider is a member of Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., of Williamsport; Williamsport Lodge No. 478, Knights of Pythias, of Williamsport, and of Congo Tribe, No. 51, Improved Order of Red Men, of Circleville. He and all the members of his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Williamsport.

DAVID HENRY PRINDLE, who resides on his well-improved farm of 94 acres, situated in Jackson township, was born in Scioto township, this county, April 30, 1863, and is a son of David M. and Elizabeth (Gochenouer) Prindle.

The parents of Mr. Prindle are natives of New York State and Pickaway County, Ohio, respectively, and the father is one of the representative farmers and stock-raisers of Muhlenberg township. He settled in this township when his son, our subject, was small. David Henry Prindle was the fourth member of his parents' family of seven children, the others being: Rebecca (Trego), deceased; Perry L., of Washington township, Pickaway County; John H., of Scioto township; Elmer E., of Muhlenberg township; and Bertha (Clark), of Muhlenberg township; and Edwin, deceased in infancy.

David H. Prindle was reared and educated in Muhlenberg and remained at home into young manhood and then made a trip to Wisconsin and to other points in the West. After his return and marriage, he rented a farm near his present one, on which he lived for 12 years.

In 1896 he purchased his present farm which he has improved with fine buildings, a large, handsome residence and a substantial barn. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising and is one of the township's substantial, reliable men.

On October 8, 1884, Mr. Prindle was married to Mrs. Rosa F. (Clark) Blacker, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John J. and Mary Ann (Hott) Clark, natives of this county. Four children have been born to them, namely: Jesse M.; Charles Ellsworth, who died aged 2 years, 2 months and 27 days; Gerald Clark; and George James.

Formerly Mr. Prindle was a Republican but is now identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the township Board of Education and looks carefully after the school interests of the community. He is one of the leading members and a trustee of the United Brethren Church at Robtown, Scioto township, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school.

DON. BARZILLAI ADKINS, one of the best known citizens of this county, who is now leading a retired life in the city of Circleville, to which he removed two years ago, was born September 3, 1831, in Ross County, Ohio. When a child one year old, he was brought by his parents to Monroe township, Pickaway County, where he grew to manhood and where the greater part of his life has been spent. His father, Barzillai C. Adkins, a native of Maryland, was married in that State but came to Ohio before any of his children were born and settled in Ross County. His wife, whose maiden name was Emily Parsons, was also a native of Maryland. Barzillai C. Adkins and his wife had six children who reached maturity, namely: Leah, Eleanor, Abigail, Susan, Barzillai and Zachariah P.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Monroe township, principally in the public schools, although he had some in-

struction from private tutors. At the age of 17 years he assumed the responsibility of looking after the family because of the death of his father for he was the oldest son, and this he did right manfully on the farm of 260 acres which was left to him and his brother, Zachariah P., to look after. From that time until his recent retirement from agricultural labors he conducted the farm in Monroe township.

In 1860 Barzillai Adkins was married to Louise E. Fissell, a native of Circleville. They became the parents of nine sons and four daughters. The former were as follows: John P., who is a teacher in Pickaway County; Jackson B., a prominent educator of Lima, Ohio, secretary of Lima College; Joseph W., a prominent attorney of Circleville; Harry H., an oil operator and well known business man of Lima, Ohio; Charles H., an attorney of Lima, Ohio, twice elected a member of the State legislature; George G., of Newark, Ohio, who is also an attorney by profession; Coston B., a teacher in Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York; DeWitt T., who has been engaged in teaching school but who at present is pursuing advanced studies at Lima College, Lima, Ohio; and Stanley G., also a teacher, who is taking up advanced studies at Lima College. The four daughters of the family are as follows: Catherine A., who is the wife of Henry C. Renick, of Circleville; Frances Eleanor; Margaret Maude, wife of William Davis, of Lima, Ohio; and Sara Emily, wife of Murray Oglesbee, a farmer of Madison County, Ohio.

Mr. Adkins is a Democrat in politics and during his residence in Monroe township was called upon to serve in various capacities. He was a member of the township Board of Education for about 25 years and served as assessor for seven years. He was elected to represent Pickaway County in the 74th and 75th general assemblies of Ohio, where he was a member of the following committees: "County Affairs," "Deaf and Dumb Asylum," "Privileges" and "Temperance." His son, Hon. Charles H. Adkins, of Lima, served in the same sessions of the Legislature, representing Allen County.



THOMAS JOSEPH BAKER, who has been identified with Pickaway County for the past 30 years, was born March 22, 1828, in Massachusetts. His well-cultivated farm of 18 acres is situated in Wayne township.

Mr. Baker was a child in years when his parents moved from Massachusetts to New York. In 1858 he came to Ohio and settled in Lake County, afterward removing to Ross County and finally coming to Pickaway County about 1876. In 1861 he offered his services to his country as a soldier and served through the Civil War as a member of the 128th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Infantry.

Mr. Baker married Melinda Tucker, of near Cleveland, Ohio, who died while he was serving in the war. In 1867 he married Jemima Grimes, daughter of John Grimes, of Ross County, Ohio. One child, which died in infancy, was born to the first union. Six children were born to Mr. Baker's second marriage, namely: Eugene, John, Joseph, George, Etta and Anna. Mr. Baker has had to part with all his sons. His two daughters still survive, the former of whom married John Janes, of Ross County, and the latter, George Tattman, of Wayne township. Mr. Baker has 10 granddaughters and one grandson, the latter of whom bears his name.

Mr. Baker has taken considerable interest in his time in public affairs and served as constable both in Ross and Pickaway counties. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



HENRY R. CALVERT, a prominent citizen of Pickaway township, Pickaway County, a member of the School Board and one of the substantial farmers of his locality, has been established on his well-cultivated farm of 105 acres for the past 26 years. Mr. Calvert bears an honorable old name of Maryland and Virginia, and was born in the latter State, July 28, 1852. He is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Grant) Calvert.

The parents of Mr. Calvert, who were Vir-

ginians by birth, removed to Hocking County, Ohio, when Henry R. was but nine months old. There he was reared and educated in the district schools. From boyhood he has been accustomed to agricultural labor and has been a successful farmer for many years. He settled in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, in 1877, and purchased his present farm in 1900. This he has continued to cultivate and improve. He devotes attention to the growing of corn, wheat, oats and hay and raises considerable stock.

In 1874, in Hocking County, Ohio, Mr. Calvert was married to Eliza J. Wilkins, who was a native of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert have five children, viz.: Pearl E., of Pickaway township; Myrtle F., wife of Harry Anderson, of Pickaway township; Leona B., wife of Harley Allen, of Pickaway township; Cora M., wife of Clifton Allen, of Washington township; and Berman R., of Pickaway township. Mr. Calvert, being a staunch believer in the public school system, gave his children excellent opportunities for study in the local schools. Mr. Calvert is serving as a most efficient member of the township School Board.

Politically Mr. Calvert is affiliated with the Democratic party. Fraternally he belongs to the Foresters, attending the meetings of this body at Circleville. He is one of the leading members of the United Brethren Church, known as the Morris Church, of which he is serving as a trustee.

JOHAN J. RENICK, one of the farmers of prominence and men of large substance in Jackson township, where he owns 600 acres of valuable land, belongs to one of the most highly considered families of this part of Ohio. The name of Renick carries with it, wherever found, a sense of sterling integrity as well as ample means. John J. Renick was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1886, and is a son of the late Job R. Renick. Extended mention of the Renick family will be found in another part of this work.

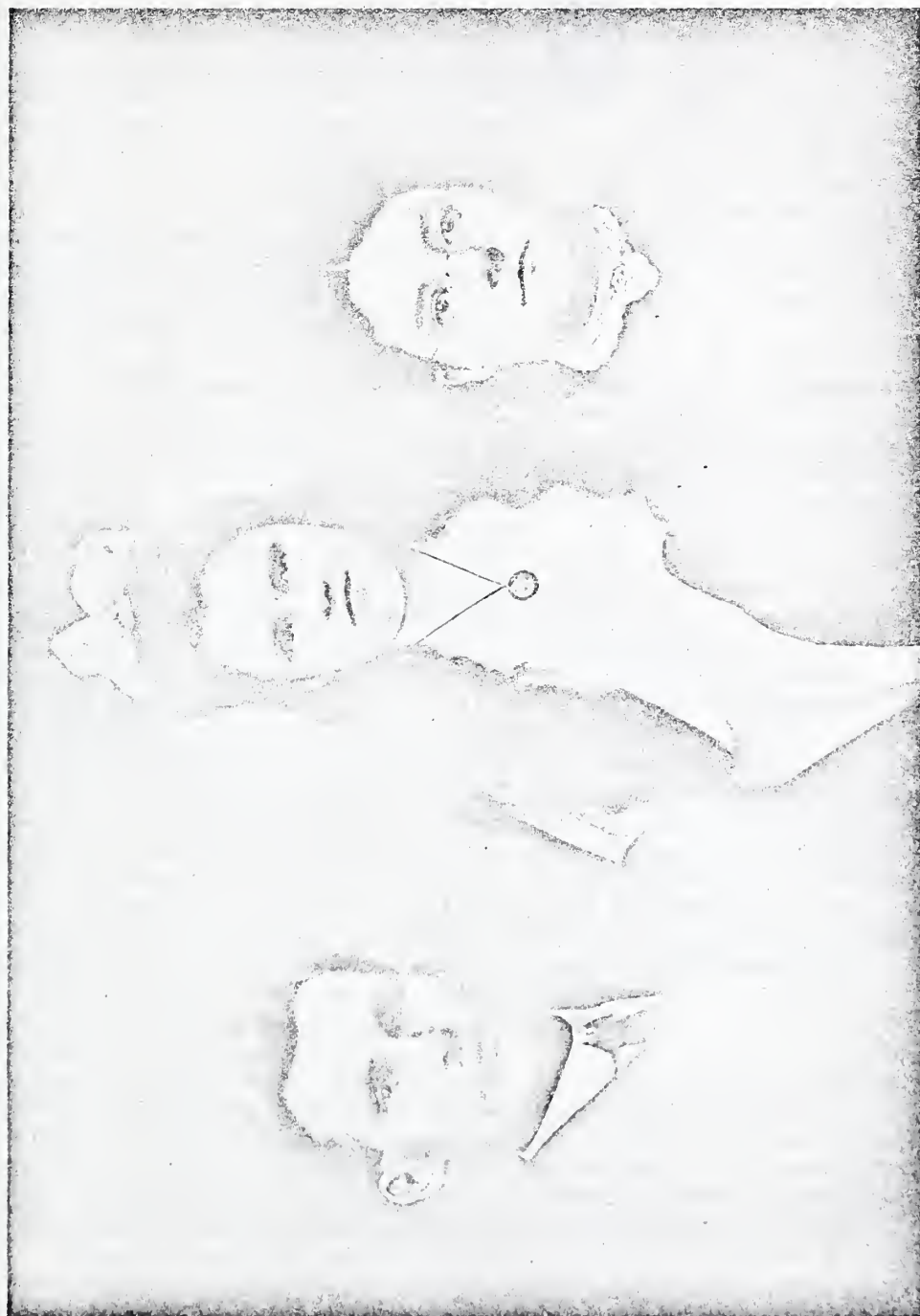
John J. Renick was reared and educated in Jackson township. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and after his marriage came into possession of his large estate, it being a part of the 1,000 acres originally granted to Capt. Presley Thornton, mention of which in detail will be found elsewhere. Mr. Renick has in his possession the original patent, which bears the signature of John Adams and Timothy Stickney. Mr. Renick efficiently looks after his large property and also gives some attention to furthering the interests of the Mason Wire Fence Company.

On February 29, 1903, Mr. Renick was married to Modie Stonerock, who is a daughter of Ira and Emma (Vankeuren) Stonerock. They have two bright little daughters—Lucile and Elizabeth. Mr. Renick is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

AMOS HOFFMAN, a representative farmer and venerable and respected citizen of Pickaway County, who has been located on the Nelson Hitler farm in Pickaway township since 1879, belongs to one of the county's old pioneer families. Mr. Hoffman was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, November 21, 1831, and is a son of George and Mary M. (Harpster) Hoffman.

George Hoffman was born in Pennsylvania and accompanied his parents to Pickaway County, Ohio, settling among the early pioneers of Washington township. George Hoffman died some 60 years ago. He married Mary Harpster, who was also born in Pennsylvania, and she too, with all their children, except our subject, have passed away.

Amos Hoffman was reared in Washington township, losing his father when he was 15 years of age. He continued to live in the old neighborhood until he was 17 years old and then was employed for some five years by George Hitler, who was then a very prominent agriculturist of Circleville township. Mr. Hoffman was very thoroughly trained in farming while with Mr. Hitler, and met with suc-



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL C. WEDINGER AND DAUGHTER.

cess when he began to farm on his own account. For 20 years he continued farming in Washington township and then settled on the extensive Nelson Hitler farm in Pickaway township, where he has continued ever since.

Mr. Hoffman was married (first) on October 16, 1853, to Catherine Hitler, who was born in Pickaway County, and was a daughter of George Hitler, formerly a large landowner and farmer of the county. Two children were born to this marriage, viz.: Mrs. Mary E. Dresbach, of Columbus, and Emma A., deceased. Mrs. Hoffman died after the birth of the second daughter. Mr. Hoffman was married (second) on February 16, 1862, to Catherine Leist, a daughter of John D. Leist, formerly a well-known citizen of Washington township. Of the nine children born to this union, five still survive, these being: Ida E., of Pickaway township; Rose M., wife of Abraham Baker, of Auglaize County; John A., of Circleville; M. Florence, who is teaching school in Pickaway County; and Emma C., of Pickaway township. The mother of these children has also passed away.

Mr. Hoffman is numbered with the leading and influential Democrats of Pickaway township. He has always been a useful citizen and has taken a very active interest in the public school system. For many years he served as a director of District No. 6, in Washington township and later of District No. 4, in Pickaway township. He is at present a member of the township Board of Education. While in Washington township he also served several terms as trustee. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, having united with it in Washington township. One of the older residents of Pickaway County, Mr. Hoffman has been the witness of wonderful changes during a long and useful life, and his interesting reminiscences recall old conditions and old names which he weaves together in a most entertaining narrative. The only remaining member of his own family, he has seen other families develop and pass away leaving but few representatives. Mr. Hoffman is more fortunate, having children and grandchildren and one great-grandson to still perpetuate the honorable name.



AMUEL C. WEIDINGER, operating the William Miller farm in Harrison township, and one of the most enterprising agriculturists in the county, was born in Ross County, Ohio, town of Yellow Bud, on the 8th of April, 1869. When a youth of 18 he came to Pickaway County. He received his education both in Ross and Pickaway Counties. After working on a farm for a time he located at Darbyville, where for seven years he conducted a meat market.

In 1903 Mr. Weidinger located on what is known as the William Miller farm, which is the property of the Scioto Canning Company, and comprises a rich tract of 654 acres. In his agricultural operations he employs 10 teams of horses, and utilizes the entire farm. In 1906 he had 140 acres in wheat and oats, 170 in corn, 155 in sweet corn, etc. He makes a specialty of sweet corn for canning and in 1905 raised 914 tons at \$7 per ton; also 6,000 bushels of field corn, 2,300 bushels of wheat and 200 bushels of oats.

In 1896 our subject was married to Mary Alice Wilson, daughter of Jesse Y. Wilson. One child has been born to their union—Mabel Sophia, now eight years of age. Although Mr. Weidinger served as corporation treasurer during the seven years of his residence at Darbyville and is a stanch Republican, he has taken little interest in politics since coming to Harrison township, his extensive agricultural operations having occupied his entire time. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Ashville.

The parents of Mr. Weidinger, both natives of Germany, came to America after their marriage. The father died in 1901, aged 63 years; the mother in 1888, at the age of 58. They passed the lives of honest, practical, respected farmers in Pickaway and Ross counties, spending their last days in the latter. They were the parents of 11 children, four of whom died in infancy, the seven surviving being as follows: John, a resident of Muhlenberg township; George, who lives two miles north of Circleville; Charles; Samuel C.; Barbara and Anna, wives respectively of William and Christopher

McCollister, of Ross County; and Lizzie, who married William Reid and resides at Darbyville.

A group picture of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Weidinger and their daughter, Mabel Sophia, accompanies this sketch.

ADAM WEGERLY was born April 25, 1827, at Lampertheim, near Worms, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. His parents were Valentine and Kathrine Wegerly, who were natives of Germany. In 1832 the family emigrated to the United States and settled in Chillicothe, Ohio, where the father engaged in the grocery business, in which he was fairly successful. Valentine Wegerly died in 1868 at the age of 76 and his wife in 1880 at the age of 81.

Adam Wegerly is the youngest child of a family of two sons and one daughter. His brother, John Wegerly, who was a prominent merchant in Chillicothe, Ohio, died in 1888 at the age of 64. His sister, Mrs. Margaret Frey, died in 1904 at the age of 84.

Adam Wegerly received a fairly good education in the public schools of Chillicothe. At the age of 16 he quit school and became an apprentice at the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for two years when he went to New Orleans to join the United States Army in the war with Mexico. He then went to Indiana and became a farm laborer and was later foreman in a packing house. He then returned to Chillicothe, Ohio, and for two years was a tenant on the farm of Governor William Allen. During this time he saved a little money and purchased a tract of land in Ross County near the village of Yellow Bud.

February 13, 1855, he was married to Amelia Schlager, daughter of Andrew Schlager, who lived near Yellow Bud. By this union six children were born, all of whom are living, as follows: William B., born February 9, 1856; John V., born August 14, 1857; Milton B., born February 25, 1859; Margaret Alice (Lamparter), born January 22, 1861; Franklin A., born March 20, 1863; and LaFayette,

born September 11, 1880. All the sons are farmers except the youngest, who is a member of the law firm of Lindsay & Wegerly, of Circleville.

Shortly after his marriage, Adam Wegerly disposed of the farm near Yellow Bud, and purchased a tract of 260 acres near Williamsport, Ohio. Later he sold this tract and purchased 260 acres in Circleville township, on the Island road, a portion of which is now owned by Henry Hulse. In 1866 he purchased a tract of land four miles north of the city of Circleville on the Walnut Creek turnpike, where he now resides. He has since accumulated a large amount of property. In 1880 he retired from active farming and transferred his property to his family.

Mr. Wegerly is a staunch Democrat, has held a few township offices, but has never taken any active part in politics.

HENRY S. HULSE, one of the well-known citizens of Circleville, where he is engaged in a windmill and pump business, owns a fine farm of 200 acres in Circleville township, which claims a part of his attention. Mr. Hulse was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, July 1, 1852, and is a son of James R. Hulse.

The late James R. Hulse was born on the old Hulse homestead in Jackson township, January 20, 1828, and with the exception of two years he passed the whole of his life in this township, September 6, 1899, when he was one of the leading citizens. His father, also named James R. Hulse, was born in New York and was one of the earliest settlers in Pickaway County. The family has always been one of prominence here. The mother of our subject, Eleanor (Stipp) Hulse, was born in Ross County, Ohio, April 2, 1826, and is a daughter of Henry and Sarah Stipp, natives of Virginia, of German extraction. Mrs. Hulse lives with her son, William A. Hulse, in Jackson township.

Henry S. Hulse remained in Jackson town-

ship until he was 17 years old and then took a trip through the country, partly for the sake of adventure and partly to secure the means that would enable him to take a course at Xenia College. He started out with a kit of tools and mended clocks and jewelry through the rural regions and earned the money he needed. After graduating at Xenia in 1877, he taught school for 14 years during the winter seasons, in the summer working for binder companies. In 1892 he moved to Circleville where he engaged in a windmill and pump business, in connection with overseeing his farm.

On September 16, 1888, Mr. Hulse was married to Elizabeth Runkle, a daughter of Henry Runkle, who was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and was one of the early settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hulse have three children, viz.: Helen, Mary and Hepzibah, all pupils in the Circleville schools.

Mr. Hulse has always taken an active part in public affairs and has held a number of township offices. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, having membership in both lodge and encampment, and belongs also to the Elks and the Foresters. He is one of Circleville's enterprising, progressive and useful citizens.

EDWARD P. MAY, whose fine 158-acre farm of well-cultivated land is located in Pickaway township, at Kingston, is one of the well-known agriculturists and leading citizens of this locality. He was born on his present farm, on December 8, 1850, and is a son of Henry and Margaret (Steele) May and grandson of Henry May, Sr., who founded the family here.

Among the pioneer settlers of Pickaway township, the May family were always prominent in those efforts looking to the development of agricultural enterprises and educational and religious advancement. Henry May, the father of Edward P. May, carried on a tanning business at Kingston for a quarter of a century. He was largely interested also in farming and up to the time of his death, in

1893, was one of the leading and reliable citizens of Pickaway township.

Henry May, by marriage to Margaret Steele, became connected with another of the old and honorable families of the county. Their surviving children are: Jane E., widow of James Machir, residing at Kingston; Alice C., who married Charles E. Ware and resides at Miamisburg, Ohio; and Edwin P.

Edwin P. May was reared in Pickaway township and was educated in the home schools. For a short period of his early business life, he was engaged in a coal and lumber trade at Kingston, after taking a business course at Wilt's Commercial College, at Dayton, Ohio. With this exception his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits.

On November 5, 1896, Mr. May was united in marriage with Mrs. Alice L. (Strawn) Freshwater, widow of Abram Freshwater, formerly of Urbana, Ohio, and a daughter of the late George Strawn, of Logan, Hocking County, Ohio. Mrs. May has one daughter by her first marriage, Miss Blanche Freshwater, an accomplished musician, who secured her musical education at Wooster College, at Wooster, Ohio.

In politics, Mr. May has always been identified with the Republican party. He is one of the trustees of Mount Pleasant Cemetery. For many years he has been an active member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. He is a man who is held in high esteem by all who know him and is a worthy representative of the best type of the citizens of Pickaway township.


HENRY B. MORRIS, agent for the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad Company, at Circleville, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, February 19, 1841, and is a son of John Morris.

John Morris was born in Pickaway County, in 1806, and his whole life was passed as a farmer and public official. He served two terms as county commissioner of Pickaway

County. His father, John Morris, was one of the earliest settlers of the county.

Henry B. Morris was reared on a farm in Walnut township and was educated in the local schools. At the age of 24 years, in the spring of 1868, he came to Circleville as bookkeeper for the firm of Morris & Loughry, with whom he remained until 1874, when he was elected to the office of auditor of Pickaway County. He served for two terms in this responsible office. After retiring from public life, Mr. Morris became bookkeeper for the firm of W. E. Delaplane & Company, and was later with Heffner & Company, with which firm he remained until January 1, 1880, when he accepted his present railroad position. He is well known all through this part of the State and has a wide circle of business and personal friends.

On October 5, 1869, Mr. Morris was married to Amelia Scothorn, a daughter of Thomas J. Scothorn, one of the early settlers of Walnut township. Her maternal grandfather Pritchett was a pioneer in Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EORGE C. LATHOUSE, president of the board of trustees of Salt Creek township, is a substantial citizen and prosperous farmer, who resides on a well-cultivated farm of 166 acres, situated in section 10, on which he has resided since the spring of 1893. Mr. Lathouse was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 4, 1863, and is a son of Reuben and Sarah (Ernst) Lathouse.


On both sides, Mr. Lathouse comes of German ancestry. The paternal grandfather was a very early settler in Pickaway County and the maternal grandfather settled very many years ago in Washington township and has many descendants. Reuben Lathouse died when our subject was seven years old and, later, his widow married William Upp. Mr. and Mrs. Upp now reside in Clear Creek township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Of the three children of Reuben Lathouse and wife, the two

survivors are: Emma A., wife of S. E. Valentine, of Zanesville, Ohio; and George C., of this sketch.

George C. Lathouse was reared in Washington township, where he attended the district schools. He has always been engaged in farming. He owns one of the valuable farms of Salt Creek township, on which he raises considerable stock and carries on extensive agricultural operations. He uses modern methods and utilizes excellent machinery and enjoys abundant crops.

On April 27, 1893, Mr. Lathouse was married to Isadora Mowery, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on August 22, 1860, and is a daughter of George and Sarah (Hartranft) Mowery, the former of whom was born in Salt Creek township and the latter in the State of New York. Peter Mowery, father of George, came to this section among its earliest settlers. Mrs. Lathouse's father died January 30, 1892, and her mother, November 13, 1893. They were most worthy members of the German Lutheran Church and estimable people in every relation of life.

Mr. Lathouse belongs to the Reformed Church at Stoutsville, but Mrs. Lathouse is a member of the German Lutheran Church at Tarlton. In politics Mr. Lathouse is a strong Democrat and exerts considerable influence in his community in favor of his party. He is serving his second term as a trustee of Salt Creek township and enjoys the honor of being president of the board. He is intelligently interested in the general welfare of his locality, supports the schools and churches and is a hearty worker for the maintenance of good roads. He has the respect and confidence of the mass of his fellow-citizens.

OSEPH AUTERBACK McCRAY, deceased, who was a well-known agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Madison township, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, September 14, 1856. He was a son of Joseph and Margaret (Rarey) McCray. His death took place December 25, 1905.

Joseph Auterback McCray was reared in

Fairfield County until 14 years of age and then accompanied his parents to Franklin County, where he grew to manhood. He obtained a fair education in the local schools and, as he was a great reader all his life, became a well-informed man. From his youth up he pursued agricultural avocations and acquired excellent farming lands in Madison township, settling with his family in 1893 on the farm where he died.

On January 1, 1880, Mr. McCray was married to Mary F. Millar, who was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jacob and Florentine (Kauffman) Millar. Jacob Millar was born in Pickaway County and was a son of Isaac Millar, an early settler of Madison township. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCray, these survive: Arthur H., Mabel F., wife of Harry O. Snyder; Homer D., Page H., Joseph P. and Clarence B. Frederick M. is deceased. The family still reside on the home farm of 100 acres on which they settled, as noted above, in 1893, which is the property of Mrs. McCray.

In politics, Mr. McCray was identified with the Republican party. For many years he was a worthy member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and was a liberal contributor to its benevolent work. He was always interested in Madison township, did his full part in promoting its importance, gave attention to its educational progress and thought favorably of all judicious public improvements. He was a good neighbor and was always ready to extend friendly help. In his family he was a kind husband and a loving father.

LEWIS IRVING MORRIS, a representative of a prominent pioneer family of Pickaway County, now lives retired at Circleville but still retains his valuable farm of 190 acres in Walnut township. He was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1853, and is a son of John and Delilah (Bowman) Morris.

The Morris family was a very early and prominent one in New Jersey and the name is

preserved in the city of Morristown. The founder of the family in Pickaway County was Ezekiel Morris, who moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania and then to Ohio and settled in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, where he entered land from the government, also entering some in Walnut township. Lewis I. Morris still owns the original papers, which bear the signature of President Thomas Jefferson.

John Morris, father of Lewis I., was born in Walnut township in 1806. He became an extensive farmer and stock-raiser and was very prominent in county affairs, serving as county commissioner, as township trustee and for 25 years was a justice of the peace.

Lewis I. Morris continued to reside on the old homestead, where he was born and reared, until he removed to Circleville. He was a successful farmer and for a time raised much stock and cattle, being interested in breeding Polled Angus cattle.

Mr. Morris has never married but has always taken care of his sisters and has been a devoted son to his mother. This venerable lady, who was born May 11, 1814, passed away March 12, 1905. She was a daughter of John Bowman, of Licking County, Ohio, who was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia.

Mr. Morris has never been much interested in politics but has served as township trustee when the office was almost forced on him. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Foresters.



WILSON J. ETT, who combines farming and jewelry, watch and clock repairing, owns 63 acres of fine, arable land in Walnut township. He was born on an adjoining farm, August 30, 1865, and is a son of Conrad and Abigail (Dunkei) Ett.

The late Conrad Ett was born at Hattengesass, Kurhessen, Germany, January 30, 1817, and died at his home in Walnut township, Pickaway County, July 1, 1898. He was a son of Frederick and Angelika Ett. In his native land he learned the trade of shoe-

making and also worked as a farmer but was much handicapped by an inclination toward rheumatism. His physician recommending a sea voyage and change of climate, Mr. Ett, on June 14, 1837, set sail for America, in the hope of bettering his physical condition. Evidently he was much benefited by the change, for he lived a long and useful life which extended to 81 years. The larger portion of this time was passed in Pickaway County and for many years he owned a good farm in Walnut township, which he had earned through his own industry.

On February 24, 1844, Conrad Ett was married (first) to Polly Freese, of Pickaway County. After her death, he married Elizabeth Bowman, of Walnut township, on July 27, 1852. Her death left him again alone, and he married (third), on October 19, 1856, Mrs. Abigail (Dunkel) DeLong, who was a daughter of the late George Dunkel, of Salt Creek township. She died March 27, 1893, at the age of 72 years. One son, Jonas C., died in 1886; the surviving children are: Conrad H.; Maggie A.; Edson B. O.; and Wilson J.

Wilson J. Ett was reared in Walnut township and was educated in the public schools. He has always been engaged in farming and owns a very valuable property, where he carries on general agriculture. Mr. Ett is also of a mechanical turn of mind and, through his own efforts, has become a skilled jeweler, in which business he has found both profit and pleasure for the past 20 years. He finds his recreation from farm labor in mending watches, clocks and all kinds of jewelry, the most delicate workmanship and accurate balancing being thoroughly comprehended. He has quite a large trade, enough to warrant him in setting aside a portion of his home as a work room, where he has his tools and sells a fine line of watches and jewelry.

On January 1, 1896, Mr. Ett was married to Bertha E. Heffner, who was born August 29, 1876, and is a daughter of John and Diantha (Inler) Heffner, who are residents of Salt Creek township. They have one son, Howard, who was born February 27, 1900.

Mr. Ett is a past grand in Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F., at Ashville.



THOMAS BRUNDIGE. In the death of Thomas Brundige, of Pickaway township, which occurred on May 28, 1903, Pickaway County lost a valued and useful citizen and an honorable man. He was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on April 9, 1836, and was a son of William and Emily (Palmer) Brundige.

The Brundige family may lay just claim to pioneer ancestry. Col. Thomas Brundige, the grandfather, was one of the first settlers of Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, where assisted by his son, William Brundige, he developed a fine farm out of the forest. William Brundige married Emily Palmer and they became the parents of a large and universally respected family.

Thomas Brundige, the subject of this record, was reared through boyhood and youth on his father's farm, and while he laid the foundation of his education in the primitive schools of the time and locality, he was also acquiring the practical knowledge which served to make him a successful farmer through the rest of his life.

When 22 years of age, on April 6, 1858, Mr. Brundige was united in marriage with Rachel Famulener, who was born October 1, 1837, in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Long) Famulener, the former of whom was born in New Jersey, and the latter in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Famulener, was a very early settler in Ross County, Ohio.

The children born to Thomas Brundige and wife were: James W., of Adair, Illinois; Sarah A., wife of R. W. Hinton, of Whisler; John N., deceased; George E., of Columbus; Arthur U., of Kingston; Charles C., of Pickaway township; Frederick, of London, Ohio; Ida J., wife of Oscar McCorkle, of Chillicothe; William, of Pickaway township; Minnie E., wife of David McCorkle, of Chillicothe; Laura D., of Columbus, and Catherine L., of Pickaway township.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Brundige settled on the farm in Pickaway township which Mrs. Brundige still occupies

and on which Mr. Brundige died. For many years he successfully carried on farming and stock-raising and accumulated considerable means. He was one of the leading members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Whisler, in which he was a deacon and where his influence as a worthy, active Christian was recognized. Although not in any sense a politician, he was interested in maintaining law and order and in political sentiment he was a Republican. He is remembered as a kind husband and father, an obliging neighbor and a good citizen in every sense of the word.



VERNOR GRANT, a large farmer and extensive stock-raiser of Jackson township, residing in Circleville, was born in 1851 in Kenton County, Kentucky.

Mr. Grant was reared in his native locality and attended the local schools until ready for college and then completed his education in Cincinnati. For some years he was connected with the firm of Wilson Brothers, of that city, in the capacity of bookkeeper, but his life has been mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits. Prior to 1887 he was so engaged in Kenton County, and then he located in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he continued farming and stock-raising on his farm of 180 acres.

Mr. Grant was married (first) in 1882, to Eleanor V. Swearingen, who died September 26, 1890, leaving one son, Henry, who is a graduate of the Everts High School at Circleville. On February 7, 1898, Mr. Grant was married (second) to Elizabeth White, of Louisville, Kentucky. They have one son, John Crawford.

Mr. Grant is a Democrat and has always taken an active interest in local politics, supporting the candidates for the various offices in whom he felt he could have confidence. He has lent his influence at all times in this direction. He has served six years as trustee in Jackson township and for six years was an infirmary director. Socially he is a Mason.

holding membership in the Blue Lodge at Circleville. Religiously he belongs to the Presbyterian Church.



MICHAEL STOER, a prosperous farmer and exemplary citizen of Jackson township, where he owns a valuable farm of 125 acres, located on the Five Points turnpike, was born in Baden, Germany, July 1, 1852. His parents were Michael and Mary (Ottman) Stoer.

The father and mother of our subject were also natives of Baden, Germany, where the former, who was a farmer all his life, died when his son Michael was 14 years of age. The widowed mother came to America with her three children, settled at Circleville, Ohio, and died here in August, 1880, aged 62 years. The children of Michael and Mary (Ottman) Stoer were: Mary, wife of Antony Drumm, now of Columbus, but formerly a resident of Circleville; Michael, deceased in infancy; Barbara, who died at Circleville, aged 22 years; William, who died in 1880 at Circleville; and Michael.

Michael Stoer, the subject of this sketch, was 17 years old when he accompanied his mother across the Atlantic Ocean and settled with her at Circleville, in August, 1869. He had enjoyed the usual excellent schooling which all German boys receive, but after coming to America he had no further opportunity. He was industrious and willing and had no trouble in finding plenty of employment in and about Circleville, in which he continued for the next eight years. He then rented a farm of 65 acres in Harrison township, Pickaway County, which he worked for 19 years, in the meantime accumulating the means with which to purchase his present farm, the purchase being completed in 1894. Since residing here Mr. Stoer has made many improvements, including the erection of substantial buildings and the development of the best resources of his land. He raises grain and stock, giving his whole time to his farming operations. He has reason to feel gratified with the success which

has attended his efforts for he has had years of hard work and economy in his life and has overcome many obstacles in the path of his progress. His farm ranks with the best in Jackson township.

On November 28, 1876, Mr. Stoer was married to Sarah Stoneburner, who was born in Morgan County, Ohio, November 10, 1854. Her parents, William and Margaret (Leffer) Stoneburner, died when she was a child. They were of German extraction and spoke the language, although born in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoer have four children living, namely: Charles M., a farmer of Jackson township, who married Mary Justus and has one child—Rhoda Bernardine; Emma Alice, who married Carl Trump, of Jackson township, and has one child—Mary Rosena; Hattie Belle, who is the wife of Meinart Trump, of Monroe township; and Della May, a school teacher, who is a graduate of the county schools under the Boxwell law. The eldest child of our subject, Mary Margaret, died when a babe of two years.

In politics Mr. Stoer has always been a Democrat, but he has never consented to serve in any but school offices. He is one of the leading members of the Lick Run Lutheran Church, of which he is a deacon.

WILLIAM JACOB SLAGER, one of Wayne township's representative men, township trustee, and for the past 14 years a successful farmer in Pickaway County, was born October 12, 1864, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Pendleton) Slager.

The parents of Mr. Slager were residents of Ross County, Ohio. They reared a family of three sons and four daughters, viz.: Milton, Schuyler, William Jacob, Alice, Nora, Florence Della and Jane. The last named is deceased.

Mr. Slager was reared to the life of a farmer and obtained his education in the country schools. In Indiana, he married Sylvia Talbott, a daughter of Daniel Talbott, of In-

diana, and they have these children: Ethel, Fred, Glen, Opal, Harold, Foreman and William, who is named for his father. Mrs. Slager has two brothers—Oliver, who married Susan Bell and Willard, who married Anna Largent, and two sisters—Lillie, who married William Cottingham, and Eva.

Mr. Slager has always been an active politician in his township and has frequently been selected for office. He is one of the township board of trustees and has filled the offices of school director and supervisor. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

JONATHAN RENICK GULICK, a representative farmer of Pickaway County, the owner of considerable valuable land in Darby township, resides on his home farm of 49½ acres, which is admirably situated not far distant from Derby, on the Darbyville, Circleville and London turnpike, a very important highway in this locality. Mr. Gulick was born July 1, 1856, in Muhlenberg township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Seymour) Gulick.

The Gulick family is of Welsh descent and was established in Virginia, from which State in 1818 the grandfather of our subject, William Gulick, came to Pickaway County when his son Jesse was about three years old. The latter became a farmer and a respected citizen of Muhlenberg township. His death occurred in 1878 at the age of 63 years, and his burial took place on Decoration Day. During some years of his early manhood he was in the employ of Abel Seymour, at whose home he met his employer's cousin, Elizabeth Seymour, whom he subsequently married, the ceremony taking place on the Seymour farm. To this union were born seven daughters and three sons, the record being as follows: Mary, who married Peter Merrill and died at Florence, Alabama, in 1892; Minerva, who is the wife of William C. Hill, of Jackson township; Elizabeth Sidney, who married Elmer Strader; Margaret, widow of Alexander McCord, of Grove City, Ohio; Rachel, who married Levi



STUART ROBINSON BOLIN.

Closan, of Mount Sterling; Fannie, who married Nelson McKinley and resides near Derby; Josephine, unmarried, who resides at Columbus; Abel Seymour, living on the old Seymour place in Muhlenberg township, who married (first) Anna B. Carpenter, of Kentucky, and married (second) Mrs. Matilda Strader; Augustus P., a resident of Darby township, who married Elmira Hoover, daughter of Henry Hoover, of Robtown; and Jonathan Renick, of this sketch.

Jonathan R. Gulick was reared to agricultural pursuits. His education was obtained in the district schools in his native locality. He remained on the home farm for one year after the death of his father, then married and still remained for another year on the homestead in Muhlenberg township. He then rented a farm from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Susan A. Bell, following which he bought his 76-acre farm, taking immediate possession. After living there for 11 years, he purchased his present home farm and has continued here until the present. The former farm is located southeast of his present home and was formerly known as the John W. Bell farm. The home farm, before it came into possession of Mr. Gulick, was known locally as the Dave Deyo farm. Owing to the care and good management of Mr. Gulick and to his many substantial improvements and his thorough methods of farming, all his property, in the past decade, has doubled in value. Time was when the land, all raw prairie and swamp, could be bought for \$2.50 an acre. Now it is not for sale at \$150 an acre.

Mr. Gulick carries on general farming and stock-raising, giving especial attention to corn. He has developed a fine strain of Norman horses on his farm and now owns 14 head of these fine animals. He gives the preference to Delaine Merino sheep, having 225 head and also has 50 head of hogs. He has provided for the care of his stock by erecting a fine windmill which connects with a notable well situated on his farm, bringing up the finest water in the county from a depth of 104 feet. The mill is so constructed that it furnishes power to saw his wood and do all his grinding. In

1900 Mr. Gulick built his handsome residence, a commodious, well planned frame dwelling of 13 rooms, so arranged as to give convenience and comfort to its inmates and to also present an attractive aspect to the stranger or visitor. For many reasons, one of these being the genial hospitality offered, the Gulick farm is one of note in the neighborhood.

In December, 1880, Mr. Gulick was married, a coincidence of interest being that the ceremony took place on the last day of the last month in the year, uniting the last son of one family with the last daughter of another. Mr. Gulick married Laura Virginia Bell, who is a daughter of John W. Bell, who was a slaveholder prior to the Civil War. He died in Pickaway County when his daughter was four years old. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Bell contained seven daughters and two sons, viz.: Agatha, Mollie, Elizabeth, Elawisa, Rebecca, Sally, Laura Virginia, Charles and James. Charles went to the West and was never heard from. James married a daughter of Alfred Taylor. Mrs. Bell and her sister met death while driving across the railroad tracks near Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gulick have had two children, viz.: Agatha Rebecca and James Earl. The former died aged five years. James Earl Gulick, who is a rural mail clerk, married Anna Griffin and they reside on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Gulick are well known all through the neighborhood. Mrs. Gulick is well posted on county history in this section and has many entertaining reminiscences of people and events which would add interest to any published record of the northwestern section of Pickaway County.



STUART ROBINSON BOLIN, the only son of Hon. Andrew Robinson and Sophronia I. (Rector) Bolin, and with his father comprising the law firm of Bolin & Bolin, was born June 20, 1878, at Circleville, Ohio.

After completing the course in the graded schools of Circleville, he was graduated with

honor from Everts High School on his 17th birthday in 1895, and has ever since taken a prominent and active interest in the development and advancement of the schools of Pickaway County and has inaugurated many plans to bring the work and worth of the schools before the public.

After completing his high school course, Mr. Bolin entered the Ohio State University to prepare for the study of the profession which he had already chosen, following in the footsteps of his father, who has become a worthy example for his ambitions.

While at the Ohio State University Mr. Bolin was elected to membership in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, which membership he still retains.

After completing his preparatory course, he entered the Law Department of Yale College. He enrolled in the "two years course," which required the successful completion of the whole three years course of studies in two years and was one of the very few who sustained the requirements. While at Yale Mr. Bolin was elected a member of the Yale Kent Club. He also enrolled in certain classes in the Sheffield Scientific School. On June 28, 1899, eight days after attaining his majority, he received his degree of LL. B. from Yale College and on June 20, 1900, he entered into partnership with his father. The firm of Bolin & Bolin has an extensive practice and stands very high.

In politics Mr. Bolin is an ardent and active Democrat, and while he has never sought political preferment he has ever been active and zealous in the advancement of the interests of his party and the welfare of his friends.

He organized and was the first secretary of the Franklin County Democratic Club of former Pickaway County voters residing in Franklin County—a large and strong Democratic organization. He is secretary of the Circleville Business Men's Association and one of the city's progressive and successful young men. Mr. Bolin is an Elk and a studious, enthusiastic Mason of high degree.

In November, 1904, Mr. Bolin was united in marriage to Ada Rebekah Brown, a daugh-

ter of the late Ambrose W. and Flora (Cunningham) Brown and a granddaughter of the late Thomas W. Brown, who was one of the early settlers and largest landowners in Pickaway and Ross counties. A portrait of Mr. Bolin accompanies this sketch.



L. BOYER, superintendent of the schools of Circleville, and one of Pickaway County's leading educators, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1864, and is a son of David Boyer, who was born in Fairfield County in 1830, his father having come there from Pennsylvania.


C. L. Boyer's education was commenced in his native county. He subsequently attended the Capital University at Columbus, where he was graduated in 1891, with the degree of A. B. He then took charge of the schools at Lithopolis, Ohio, where he remained for two years and then entered Lima College, at Lima, Ohio, as a member of the faculty, having the chair of mathematics. For four years he was also at the head of the normal department. During the succeeding two years he had charge of the schools of Logan, Ohio, and then came to Circleville, in 1899.

For the past seven years Mr. Boyer has been the head and front of the excellent school system of Circleville, and his careful, conscientious work has brought about remarkable results. The schools here have an enrollment of 1,300 pupils, who are distributed in four school buildings, being under the instruction of 39 teachers. To see that all of the latter are capable and faithful like himself, is no slight task, but Mr. Boyer has insisted on the methods which his experience has taught him are the best and has gathered about him a very efficient corps of instructors. His services to the city in the educational field are thoroughly appreciated.

In July, 1889, Mr. Boyer was married to Clara Shade, who is a daughter of Daniel Shade, of Fairfield County, Ohio, and they have three daughters and one son.

Mr. Boyer is connected with the leading

educational institutions of the State, is a member of the Ohio State Teachers' Association, the Central Ohio Teachers' Association, of which he has been vice-president, and of the Central Ohio Schoolmasters' Club, of which he has been secretary and treasurer.


AMUEL B. CHAMBERS, who enjoys the esteem of his fellow-citizens in general, and is the superintendent of a somewhat noted property in Pickaway township, known as the S. H. Ruggles estate, which comprises some 1,650 acres of well-cultivated land, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, March 24, 1865. He is a son of Henry and Mary A. (Hunter) Chambers.

The parents of Mr. Chambers are natives and residents of Hocking County, where Alexander Chambers, the grandfather, a native of Pennsylvania, was an early settler. The family has always been one of thrift and reliability.

Samuel B. Chambers was reared in Hocking County and was mainly educated in the public schools at Tarlton. He has always devoted himself to agriculture and owns 150 acres of land in Pickaway township and 70 acres in Hocking County. From Hocking he went to Fairfield County, where he lived until 1894, when he came to Pickaway County, residing for a time in Washington township. After accepting the position of superintendent of the Ruggles estate, in 1897, he removed to Pickaway township. The successful management of so large a body of land entails much hard work and requires the exercise of constant vigilance and the possession of good judgment. This is one of the largest estates in Pickaway County. It may justly be stated that it is also one of the best managed.

Mr. Chambers was married November 9, 1893, to Sarah J. Gayman, a native of Canal Winchester, Franklin County, Ohio, who is a daughter of Daniel Gayman, late of Franklin County. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have two bright, interesting sons—Henry Gayman and Daniel Hunter.

Mr. Chambers is an independent thinker and votes according to his own convictions. In all local matters he is found to be liberal minded and public-spirited and enjoys the reputation of a first-class citizen. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kingston, in which he is serving on the official board as steward.

ILLIAM L. KRIMMEL, pharmacist, at Circleville, is one of the reliable and experienced druggists of this city, one who enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was born in 1861 at Circleville and is a son of the late John J. and Christina (Landenberger) Krimmel.

John J. Krimmel was born in Ebingen, Germany, where he was reared and educated. On February 1, 1843, he was united in marriage with Christina Landenberger and 10 years later they emigrated to America. They located at Circleville where Mr. Krimmel established a brewery and later bought the Glick Brewery, operating both until his death in 1882. His widow survived until 1893. Their children were: Charles F., an attorney at Circleville, who died in Colorado; John L., who established the drug-store on the corner of Court and Main streets, Circleville, and conducted the same until the time of his death, which occurred suddenly in February, 1905; Albert, who is a farmer in Jackson township; Mary M., who is the wife of Frederick Palm, of Harrison township, and William L.

William L. Krimmel was reared and educated at Circleville and on leaving school entered a drug-store to learn the business. On the death of his brother, in association with Frank Hamilton, Mr. Krimmel purchased the drug business formerly conducted by John L. Krimmel and they have continued to conduct the same to the present time.

Mr. Krimmel was married in 1894 to Lizzie R. Miller, who is a daughter of Charles Miller, of Pickaway County. They have one son—Dudley. Mr. Krimmel is a Democrat.

has taken an active interest in civic affairs and has served two terms as a member of the City Council. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias.

MRS. ELIZA B. WILLIAMS, a well-known resident of Kingston, is the widow of the late James Williams, who died in 1892, on his home farm of 150 acres in Pickaway township, which Mrs. Williams still owns. She was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dreisbach) Steely.

Mrs. Williams comes of old pioneer stock on both sides of her family. Her great-grandfather, Gabriel Steely, and her grandfather, John Steely, were natives of Virginia and probably both came to Pickaway County among the earliest settlers. Benjamin Steely, father of Mrs. Williams, was a lifelong resident of Pickaway township, where he died November 11, 1899, in his 85th year. Like his father, he was a man of substance, owning large tracts of land and carrying on extensive farming and stock-raising operations. He was prominent in the political and religious life of his neighborhood and was connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Kingston. The Dreisbach family, in which he found his estimable wife, also settled early in Pickaway County, coming hither from Pennsylvania. Of their eight children, Mrs. Williams is the sole survivor.

Eliza B. Steely was reared to capable young womanhood in the home of her parents where she resided until her marriage, on October 6, 1868, to the late James Williams. Mr. Williams was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 16, 1840, and was a son of John and Mary (Rice) Williams, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Pickaway County. The maternal grandfather, James Rice, was an early pioneer in this county. Mrs. Williams has one daughter, Fannie E., who is the wife of Charles E. Baker, a resident of Kingston, and the

mother of two children—Marie E. and James W.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Williams settled on a farm in Pickaway township and almost the whole of their married life was spent here, the only period of absence being four and a half years passed in Dickinson County, Kansas. The prudence, wisdom and success with which he managed his affairs, enabled Mr. Williams to accumulate a valuable farm, which, as above stated, was the home of Mrs. Williams until after his decease. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Kingston and is a welcome addition to the city's pleasant social life.

IRA L. MAY, a well-known resident of Wayne township, is a son of Michael and Mary (Lutz) May, formerly pioneer residents of Circleville. Mr. May was born in that city March 28, 1854, and lived there until a short time after his graduation from the High School in 1870, when with his mother and sister he removed to the farm which is now his home. His father having died six months previously, Mr. May was thus started, at the age of 16, in the business of farming and caring for an estate of over 400 acres, which was the property of his mother, inherited by her from her father, Judge Jacob D. Lutz, a wealthy and prominent pioneer of Pickaway County.

Being an ardent lover of the country, Mr. May studied and mastered every difficulty in his chosen avocation and is considered one of the most successful farmers in the county.

He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, his parents having been members of the Presbyterian Church at Circleville, his father serving as elder at the time of his death. Mr. May is a member of all the Masonic organizations in Circleville and has filled all offices of Scioto Commandery, No. 35, ending with that of eminent commander for 1905-06.

He married his second cousin, Ada Jessie Lutz, September 11, 1879. Five sons were born to them, two of whom died in infancy.

The three remaining are: Lutz, Percy and Leslie. All three were educated in the public schools of Circleville and all three were graduated from the High School. They are members of the various social and other organizations and are well known in Pickaway County.

The two older boys are members of Company F, Fourth Regiment, O. N. G. and are now commanding officers. All are members of the Presbyterian Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. May are descended from Revolutionary stock. The latter is a charter member of Mount Sterling Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. In politics Mr. May is a Republican.



DA. LANE, a representative agriculturist of Scioto township, and a member of the board of directors of the County Infirmary, resides on his finely improved farm of 190 acres. Mr. Lane was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 29, 1841, and is a son of John Wesley and Sarah (McCord) Lane.

The parents of Mr. Lane were both natives of Virginia. The father was born in the vicinity of Richmond, while the mother was born in Albemarle County. In 1835 they came to Pickaway County, Ohio, where the father became a prosperous farmer, reared a large family and died on his own land. Seven of his children died in infancy; those who reached maturity were: Franklin, Sarah Virginia and John Monroe, all deceased; Lucy Ann, widow of James Curry, residing in Franklin County, Ohio; James M., of Canada; and D. A., the subject of this sketch.

D. A. Lane was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the log school-houses in its vicinity. With the exception of two years spent in Madison township, Mr. Lane has passed his whole life in Scioto township and nearly all of this period has been spent in farming and stock-raising. He has met with much success in raising and feeding hogs, having a preference for the Chester White variety, and feeds about 100 a year for the market. For some 12 years he has done an extensive business in selling stock, shipping to

Buffalo, Pittsburg and Philadelphia. His farm is worth a great deal of money, the land being exceedingly valuable and the improvements being of the most substantial character.

In March, 1861, Mr. Lane was married to Mary Wheeler, who is a daughter of Benjamin Wheeler, one of the early settlers of Madison township, where he became a large farmer and man of substance. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have nine living children, as follows: Sarah E., who is the wife of J. L. Martin, a merchant at Commercial Point; George W., who is in business at Ashville; B. L., at home; John V., in business at Ashville; Charles, a resident of Columbus; D. R. and William, who are in business at Orient; and Mary and Grace, both at home.

As a member of the board of directors of the County Infirmary, Mr. Lane performs many public duties, being a man of principle. He takes an interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of his neighborhood and gives liberal support to home enterprises. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



JOHN WARREN, an esteemed citizen of Kingston and a representative agriculturist of Pickaway County, owning jointly with his wife a valuable farm of 225 acres in Pickaway township, was born November 29, 1848, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He is a son of Peter and Anna (Saylor) Warren.

Peter Warren was a son of Tillman Warren, a native of Maryland, who came to Pickaway County in 1819. He was one of the pioneers of this section, dying in Salt Creek township about 1852. He was a typical pioneer and had friendly dealings with the Indians.

Peter Warren, father of John Warren, was born in Pickaway County and spent almost the whole of his life in Salt Creek township. Some 16 years previous to his decease, he retired to Kingston. A few years later he returned to Salt Creek township where his death took place. He married Anna Saylor, a member of another old pioneer family. Her grandfather

was a gunsmith; after he came to Ohio he made firearms for the Indians who paid for the same in game and furs. The only surviving children of Peter Warren and wife are: Elizabeth A., who is the widow of Hiram Allen, of Salt Creek township, where she still resides, and John, who is the subject of this sketch. Peter Warren was firm in his adherence to the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he was stanch in advocating the principles of the Republican party.

John Warren was reared on his father's farm and was early taught habits of industry. He was educated in the schools of Salt Creek township and grew to young manhood well informed and capable. From youth he has taken pride in agricultural work and has been a very successful raiser of fine cattle.

On April 16, 1874, Mr. Warren was united in marriage with Clara J. Black, who was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Joseph and Margaret A. (Huffman) Black. Her paternal grandfather, Joseph Black, was born in Pennsylvania and was an early settler in this county. The maternal great-grandmother of Mr. Warren was a woman of business judgment and enterprise. She was one of the pioneers of this township and it was she who entered 160 acres of land from the government, which Mr. Warren owns.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren have had two children, viz.: Anna L., living at home, and Clarence P., deceased. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Whisler.

In addition to the land mentioned, Mr. Warren owns 425 acres in Salt Creek township. For many years he was actively engaged in farming, but in the fall of 1899 he removed with his family to Kingston. Politically he is a Republican.



AMUEL LINDSEY, who since 1897 has been an esteemed resident of Circleville, has been engaged in teaching school since 1874 with the exception of 10 years when he followed agricultural pursuits exclusively. His work as a teacher has been in Hocking and Pickaway

counties. He removed to the latter county 21 years ago and is one of its best known citizens.

The parents of the subject of this sketch, William and Susan (Creiglow) Lindsey, still reside on the farm in Hocking County, Ohio, where their son Samuel was born December 21, 1853. They are natives of Hocking County, which was formerly included in Fairfield County. They had seven children as follows: Mary Jane, who died in young womanhood; Samuel; Nelson, who is a resident of Scioto township, Pickaway County; John Allen, who lives in Muhlenberg township, Pickaway County; W. S., who makes his home with his parents; Clementine, deceased, who was the wife of Simon Steel, of South Perry, Ohio; and Bertha E., wife of Charles Kraftheier, of Salt Creek township, Pickaway County.

Samuel Lindsey was reared in Hocking County and there received his early education. Subsequently he attended the normal school at Logan, Ohio, and just before reaching his majority began teaching. This profession he followed continuously for 16 years until 1890, then for 10 years operated a fine farm in Muhlenberg township, which he still owns and on which he erected in 1905, the first cement-block house in this part of the country. He removed to Pickaway County from Hocking County on April 7, 1885. Twelve years later he became a resident of Circleville and purchased a fine location on Park place where he erected what is recognized to be one of the handsomest homes in the city.

On April 22, 1875, at South Perry, Ohio, Mr. Lindsey was married to Amelia A. Newlon, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Feagan) Newlon, natives of Virginia, who after their marriage moved to Ohio in 1850, settling in Morgan County, where Mrs. Lindsey was born. Later Mr. and Mrs. Newlon moved to Hocking County and there the former died in 1859; the latter survived until December, 1903, dying at her home in Circleville. Mr. and Mrs. Newlon had four children, namely: Samantha, deceased, who was the wife of John Steele, of Pickaway County; Frances; Amelia A. (Mrs. Lindsey) and John, who died aged three years. Two daughters and a son have been born to Mr. and Mrs.

Lindsey. William Lewis, the son, who was born March 7, 1878, and died January 12, 1893, was a prime favorite with all he came in contact. Both daughters are living. The elder, Fleta Nell, on April 11, 1895, became the wife of C. M. Beatty, who operates an extensive farm of 400 acres in Muhlenberg township, being chiefly engaged in the raising of fine thoroughbred stock. Ada May, the younger daughter, is a graduate of Circleville High School, class of 1902.

Mr. Lindsey is an active supporter of the Republican party and a popular one, as was shown in the campaign of 1903 when he ran far ahead of his ticket as a candidate for State Representative. The family belong to the First Presbyterian Church of Circleville.

ISAAC LUDWIG, a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Pickaway township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits through many years of active life, owns a finely cultivated farm of 131 acres not far distant from Circleville. Mr. Ludwig was born September 21, 1834, and is a son of Jacob and Evaline (Morris) Ludwig. The Ludwigs, a family of German extraction, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and Daniel Ludwig, the grandfather of Isaac, was an early settler in Circleville township, his old farm being now the property of our subject's brother, David S. Ludwig.

Jacob Ludwig was born in Pennsylvania and was brought by his parents to Pickaway County, where his father died when Jacob was 14 years of age. His whole life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. Jacob Ludwig died in 1881. He was one of the men of standing in his township, honest, upright and industrious, and enjoyed universal esteem. He left the homestead to his descendants after developing it into a fine, productive farm. His father built the first brick farm house in Pickaway County.

Isaac Ludwig was reared to man's estate in Circleville township and attended the best schools afforded in his neighborhood. He was

reared a farmer but when the Civil War broke out he proved that he could also be a soldier. With the Army of the Cumberland, as a member of Company F, 90th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., he served faithfully through 16 months and during this period he participated in the battle of Stone River and a number of lesser engagements, and was one of those who passed safely through the terrible battle of Chickamauga. Upon his return from the army he resumed farming.

On February 1, 1881, Mr. Ludwig was married to Charity M. Betz, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, August 28, 1863, and is a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Root) Betz. The father of Mrs. Ludwig was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Pickaway County, Ohio. Mr. Betz came to this county in boyhood and was reared on a pioneer farm. Of the family of seven children born to Isaac Ludwig and wife, the survivors are: Cora E., M. Myrtle, John I. and T. Mildred, all living at home.

JOHAN M. DICK, a representative citizen and successful farmer of Perry township, is a member of one of the old and honorable families of this section.

He was born on the old Dick farm in Perry township, on January 13, 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Zilpha (McIntyre) Dick.

The Dick family was established in Perry township, Pickaway County, Ohio, by Jacob Dick, the grandfather of John M., who came here from Virginia as early as 1812. He spent the rest of his life here, mainly engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Sarah McIntyre and they had three sons and five daughters, viz.: Charles and Nathan, who resided in Perry township; Thomas, father of our subject; Mrs. Sarah Crabb; Mrs. Ruth Rickey; Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas; Mrs. Roxanna Stimson; and Mrs. Jensey Rickey.

Thomas Dick was born in Perry township on the farm adjoining the one on which his son Milton now resides, and there passed the whole of his life engaged in farming and stock-

raising. He died aged 51 years. He married Zilpha J. McIntyre, who was a daughter of John McIntyre, who formerly lived near Urbana and also near Waterloo. They had eight children, as follows: L. J., who lives in Fayette County; Ruth Jane, who married Jesse Wood and lives at Columbus; Milton T., who resides in Perry township; Ann Elizabeth, who married Peter Stookey and lives at Frankfort, Ohio; Sarah E., who resides on the home farm; Jerushia Etna, who is the widow of Spencer Wilkins, of New Holland; John M., the subject of this sketch; and Josia, deceased, who was the wife of John A. Davis.

John M. Dick was reared on the home farm and was educated in the local schools. He remained on the home farm until about 1886, when he came to his present place which was known as the old Samuel Hughes farm. Mr. Dick is a practical farmer and is counted with the township's most successful ones. He carries on a general agricultural line, does a little dairying and raises some excellent stock.

Mr. Dick married Sarah E. Bennett, who was born in Perry township and is a daughter of John W. and Joanna (Kearney) Bennett, and a granddaughter of John Bennett, who came to Ohio from Delaware and settled on the Pickaway and Ross County line, about 1799. The children of John Bennett were: Kendall, who lived and died in Monroe township; William, who lives at Muncie, Indiana; Samuel, who died in Monroe township; Mrs. Elizabeth Rosehome, deceased; Mrs. Jane Grimes, deceased; Mrs. Nancy Pennewell; Mrs. Mary Timmons; and John W.

John W. Bennett lived in Pickaway County all his life and died in Perry township on September 20, 1902. He married Joanna Kearney, who was born in Canada, a daughter of John Kearney. She died in 1885. They had six children, viz.: Sarah Elizabeth, who married John M. Dick; Milton; William, deceased; Flora, wife of Abner Bryant; Joseph, a farmer in Perry township; and a babe that died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick have four children, viz.: John T., who lives at home; Hallie J., who married Frank Thatcher, has one daughter,

Pauline, and lives at Columbus; Grace; and Blanche.

In politics Mr. Dick is a Democrat but takes little interest beyond casting his vote as becomes a good citizen, in support of the principles he believes in. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges at New Holland.



EBENEZER S. DAVIS. The town of Williamsport has reason to remember with gratitude and to recall with respect the late Ebenezer Davis, who for years was one of its most honored and useful citizens. Mr. Davis was born September 10, 1808, on the bank of the Potomac, in the village of Westernport, Virginia.

In 1813 Mr. Davis accompanied his parents to what was then the wilderness of Pickaway County, Ohio, his father settling down to pioneer life on the farm which is now known as the W. I. Wood farm and home, in Deer Creek township. The family consisted of four daughters and six sons, Ebenezer being the youngest son and third youngest of the family. He survived them all, his death taking place in 1894. His boyhood and youth were passed among conditions long since relegated to the past—the primitive living, the hardships and privations, the lack of educational and social advantages. When 18 years of age he secured work at \$9 a month, digging through the bluffs near Westfall, on the Ohio Canal. He learned the cabinetmaker's trade and for a number of years worked at this, in the days before the establishment of great furniture factories. Among the treasured and still useful articles to be found all over Pickaway County, are bedsteads, bureaus, spinning-wheels, warping bars, and various other articles which were fashioned by his skilled hands.

For 43 years Ebenezer Davis was postmaster at Williamsport. During his earlier incumbency the mail was carried by stage coach from Circleville to Washington Court House. In 1841 he was elected justice of the peace and during his many years in office mar-



JAMES M. BORROR.



MRS. MARY H. BORROR.

ried 45 couples and adjusted more local differences peaceably than any other official in the county. He was a leader in every enterprise looking to the advancement of Williamsport, in which village of four houses his parents settled in 1819, and scarcely any early movement of importance or business enlargement were completed without his advice and cooperation. It was Mr. Davis who first secured the petition to have the town incorporated. This first petition, however, was destroyed because it would have taken in the distillery that then stood where a mill was later built. A second petition was prepared, which excluded the distillery. In his day the temperance movement was one of the important issues before the country. Mr. Davis belonged to the Sons of Temperance and also organized the Cadets of Temperance in Williamsport.

On April 26, 1830, Mr. Davis was married to Sedanay McFarland, and they had four children, the two survivors being: William B., of Williamsport; and Milard W., of Iowa City, Iowa.

Politically Mr. Davis was a staunch Republican. For a number of years he was treasurer of Williamsport and Deer Creek township, was school director and councilman and was also treasurer of a savings bank. He was noted for his integrity. During the Civil War he issued script to the amount of \$300, for the convenience of making change, and every cent of this was redeemed. In February, 1830, he united with the Christian Church and continued in good standing as long as he lived. During the early struggles of the local church, he assumed a large part of its financial obligations. Had Mr. Davis entertained some of the modern kind of financial views he would have died a very wealthy man, but his money was honestly earned and was lavishly given to others less fortunate or provident, his faith in human nature making him believe that those who benefited by his bounty would surely repay when they could. That this was not the case was shown when, among his papers, after his decease, were found notes for over \$20,000 which were outlawed by the passage of time, no attempt having ever been made to collect them.

JAMES M. BORROR, a prominent and influential citizen of Scioto township, is a representative of a family which has been identified with Ohio and her interests for several generations. Mr. Borrer was born in Jackson township, Franklin County, Ohio, March 23, 1867, and is a son of Jacob and Isabelle Borrer.

The Borrer family came from Battenberg, Germany, at a very early day, the great-grandfather of James M. Borrer settling in Hardy County, Virginia (now West Virginia). His son, Jacob Borrer, the grandfather of James M., was the founder of the family in Franklin County, Ohio. He accumulated 240 acres of land, on which he lived and died, as did his son, Jacob Borrer, and on this farm the latter was born, as was our subject. The grandfather had these children: Joab, Joel, Josiah, Jacob, Silas, William C., Margaret (wife of Abraham Haughn), Elizabeth (wife of George Gordon), Magdalena (wife of J. M. Ford)—all now deceased except Silas, who is a resident of Jackson township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Jacob Borrer, father of James M., was born in the old log house in Franklin township, which then sheltered the family. It served well enough in pioneer days, but later Jacob Borrer erected a fine brick residence on the same site. He was a farmer all his life, an industrious, prudent man, and at the time of his death, in January, 1903, he owned 1,840 acres of land, purchasing in 1900 the 400-acre farm in Scioto township, where our subject resides. The family of Jacob Borrer contained four sons and three daughters, namely: Mary A., who married Michael Duff and resides in Columbus; Ida, who married Russell Shover and lives on the homestead farm in Jackson township; James M., of this sketch; Jacob C., who owns and operates 450 acres of land, partly in Franklin and partly in Pickaway Counties; Otis H., residing a short distance from the homestead, who owns a farm of 400 acres; Albert H., a successful farmer of Jackson township, Pickaway County, who owns 260 acres of fine land; and Nora May, who died in infancy. The mother of this family, Isabelle (German) Bor-

ror, belonged also to an old pioneer family, of German extraction.

James M. Borrer was reared in Jackson township, Franklin County, and was educated in the district schools and at an excellent school conducted at Borrer's Corners. With his brothers, he was well trained to agricultural pursuits on the large family estate, and remained in Jackson township until he reached his 22nd year. He then moved to Hamilton township, Franklin County, and followed farming there for some 13 years. In 1901 he located in Scioto township, Pickaway County, on what was then called the Dr. Jones farm, which property was purchased by his father, as stated above, in 1900, and is our subject's inheritance from his father's estate.

James M. Borrer has placed his property under a high state of cultivation and under his management his land yields abundantly. He devotes 150 acres to corn and realizes from 7,000 to 12,000 bushels of this staple; from 120 to 150 acres to wheat and this acreage produces from 1,500 to 3,000 bushels. He keeps five teams busy during the productive season and always has work of further improvement going on. He also keeps from 30 to 60 head of cattle and raises many hogs. He has devoted his entire active life to agriculture, and has made a scientific study of it. This section of Ohio has many fine farms but not all of them are so carefully and intelligently cultivated as that of James M. Borrer.

On November 27, 1890, James M. Borrer was married to Mary Hagans, of Hamilton township, Franklin County, Ohio, and they have two children, Frances Norene and James Curtis, both of whom are attending school.

Mr. Borrer has a wide acquaintance both in Franklin and Pickaway Counties. He has always been actively interested in educational matters and during his residence in Hamilton township, Franklin County, testified to it by serving on the School Board. This interest he continued after coming to Scioto township, where he has served four years on the board and is serving in his second term as president of this body. It was mainly through his energy and efforts that the Commercial Point High

School has been raised from a second to a first-grade High School. He has devoted fully 10 years to advancing the educational interests of the county and has always been a prime mover in all commendable public-spirited enterprises, in fact is a model citizen.

Mr. Borrer is a strong advocate of the policy of the Democratic party, and is loyal to all its interests. Personally he is a man of engaging address, possessing a cordial, pleasant manner which invites friendship. Fraternally he is associated with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Commercial Camp, No. 10,963.

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Borrer accompany this sketch, while a view of their home is shown elsewhere in this work.



JOHN W. BETTS, a successful farmer of Deer Creek township, was born on the old Betts farm in this township, where he now resides, on September 28, 1864. He is the oldest son and child of the late George and Mary (Phillips) Betts and grandson of John W. and Harriet (Gordy) Betts.

Mr. Betts was reared in Deer Creek township and was educated in the local schools, remaining at home until his marriage. He then took charge of the elevator at Woodlyn, which was conducted by his father, and remained in charge for eight years. The death of his father changed his plans and he then moved to Williamsport, where he built a comfortable home. This he subsequently sold and located on that part of the home farm which had been secured from George Gordy. Here Mr. Betts has carried on general farming ever since. In 1899 he erected his handsome residence.

On May 26, 1899, Mr. Betts was married to Emma Andrews, who was born and reared in Williamsport, and is a daughter of Joseph D. and Anna (Cox) Andrews. Her mother belonged to one of the prominent pioneer families of Williamsport. Mr. and Mrs. Betts have three children of their own—Thurman, Horace and Burnell. They also have an

adopted son, Rodney Gordon, who has been reared and fathered and mothered by Mr. and Mrs. Betts, with true Christian spirit, since he was a little orphan of one and a half years.

In politics Mr. Betts is a Democrat. Fraternally he belongs to the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Williamsport, the lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Williamsport and the auxilliary society of the latter, the Rathbone Sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Betts are members of the Christian Church. The families of Betts and Cox have long been honored ones in this locality, as has also the Andrews family, which has many members in Pickaway County.

EMANUEL WESTENHAVER, one of the representative men and extensive farmers of Walnut township, resides on a tract of 240 acres in section 12. Mr. Westenhaver was born at Circleville, Ohio, September 16, 1824, and is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Miller) Westenhaver.

The parents of Mr. Westenhaver were both born near Martinsburg, Virginia (now West Virginia). After marriage, they came to Pickaway County, Ohio, settling in a little village known as Jefferson, in Pickaway township. The only remains of the village still visible at Jefferson is the old brick schoolhouse. The settlement of Jefferson preceded the building of Circleville. At a later date, seeing that the avenues of business would leave Jefferson stranded, Jacob Westenhaver moved to the then growing village of Circleville, building the third house in the place. He was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. When Emanuel was eight years old, his father settled in Walnut township on the farm of his uncle, Peter Miller, who owned some 640 acres.

Emanuel Westenhaver was mainly reared by one of his maternal uncles, who sent him to school until he was 12 years old and then put him at farm work, paying the lad the sum of \$4 a month. Emanuel remained with his parents until his marriage, being at that time a sober, industrious young man who had ac-

cumulated enough capital to start out for himself. With the exception of the time spent in the army, Mr. Westenhaver has followed farming in Walnut township to the present time. On May 2, 1864, he enlisted for the 100-day service in the 155th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and served out his time, the greater part of it in Virginia. After his return, in 1865, Mr. Westenhaver erected his comfortable and commodious frame dwelling. In addition to general farming, Mr. Westenhaver operates a saw-mill on his property.

In 1845 Mr. Westenhaver was married to Caroline M. Done, a daughter of Noble Done, of Circleville township. She was born in Connecticut and died in Walnut township in 1867. Of the six children of this marriage, the survivors are: Mrs. Frances Miller, of Lancaster; Mrs. Loretta Clements, of Columbus; and Mrs. Addie Oman. Mr. Westenhaver was married (second) to Sarah Courtright, a daughter of Hon. Jesse D. Courtright, of Circleville. She died in August, 1901, leaving two children—Jesse C. and Mrs. Anna Glick.

Although never an active politician, Mr. Westenhaver has always supported the Republican party. He has never been willing to accept any office except membership on the School Board. He is very prominent in Masonry, having taken the 32nd degree, and is well known in fraternal circles all over the State. Formerly he owned 240 acres in Fairfield County, but he has deeded 160 acres to his son and daughter. He owns other property, including a brick residence at Circleville.

EDWARD WRIGHT, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Muhlenberg township, and a member of the Board of Infirmary Directors of Pickaway County, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, May 24, 1861. He is a son of John Wright, who was born in Fairfield County and there died, having lived there all his life (with the exception of 12 or 15 years spent in Pickaway County), engaged in farming and stock-raising.

Edward Wright was reared and educated in Fairfield County and at the age of 22 moved to Jackson township, Pickaway County, where he purchased a tract of 90 acres and engaged in farming until 1905. He then purchased a tract of land in Muhlenberg township, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock-raising. He also owns the 90-acre farm above mentioned, which he is having farmed by a tenant.

Mr. Wright was married December 24, 1884, to Susie Lemay, a daughter of Lewis Lemay, who was engaged in farming in Muhlenberg township. Mrs. Wright died on August 10, 1905, leaving seven children, namely: Florence, Bertha, Nellie, Dona, John, Gilbert and Evert. Mr. Wright has always taken an active interest in politics, has served as trustee of Jackson township for six years and has also held numerous other minor offices. He was elected infirmary director in the fall of 1903 and was reelected in the fall of 1906.



L. PETERS, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon at Circleville, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1851, and is a son of Lewis S. and Margaret (Ritter) Peters.

Lewis S. Peters was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. Immediately after his marriage, he moved to Walnut township, Pickaway County, where he followed farming and was also a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, where his ministerial labors were highly valued. His first wife, Margaret Ritter, the mother of our subject, died in 1861. In 1864 Lewis S. Peters was married to Mrs. Lydia J. Beckwith, of Somerset, Ohio. He continued to live on the farm until the time of his death, with the exception of the years between 1866 and 1872, when he made his home in Circleville.

W. L. Peters was educated in the local schools and the National Normal School and spent three and a half years in the Ohio Wes-

leyan University. After teaching one term of school, he followed farming for 10 years and then entered the homeopathic medical department of the University of Michigan, where he was a student for two years, following which he attended the New York Homeopathic College, where he was graduated in 1890. He located for practice in Nebraska, Ohio, where he remained, following his profession, until October, 1900, when he moved to Circleville, where he has built up a very satisfactory practice.

On October 16, 1879, Dr. Peters was married to Belle L. Beckwith, who is a daughter of Joel King Beckwith, a prominent business man of Somerset, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Peters had one son, Howard R., who was one of the most promising and popular young men of this city. He graduated at the Everts High School at Circleville in 1904 and spent the following year at the Ohio Wesleyan University. It was while enjoying his first vacation that he suffered from an attack of appendicitis, and, owing to the fact that a number of such attacks had occurred in the preceding 10 years, he decided to have an operation for relief from these recurring attacks. On account of slow recovery, he did not return to college at the opening of the term, as he had intended, although his convalescence had given hope of a complete recovery. On the night of March 8, 1906, while returning home after spending a very enjoyable evening with three of his most intimate friends at the home of one of them, he was seized with a hemorrhage and died within half an hour after reaching his home. Sympathy with the bereaved parents was universal. His college fraternity, the Sigma Chi, sent three representative members and a beautiful floral offering to his funeral.

Dr. Peters is a member of the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Foresters. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He owns two farms in Pickaway County, one of 160 acres in Circleville township and another, of 84 acres, in Walnut township.

JOHN E. PENN, whose valuable farm of 168 acres of well-cultivated, fertile land is situated in Pickaway township, was born March 27, 1852, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Abram and Elizabeth (Black) Penn.

Both parents of John E. Penn were born in Salt Creek township. The paternal grandfather, Abram Penn, was born in England, accompanied his parents in boyhood to America and grew to manhood in Pennsylvania. He learned the trade of ship carpenter but chose farming as his later occupation and came as a pioneer to Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he developed a farm out of the forest. He was succeeded by his son Abram, who resided in Salt Creek township until 1867, when he removed to Pickaway township, where he resided for over 20 years. He died in 1889, at London, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Black, daughter of a pioneer of Salt Creek township, and they reared five of their nine children, as follows: Samaria, wife of Andrew Drescher, of Defiance County, Ohio; John E., of this sketch; George, of Kingston, Ohio; Rollin F., of Madison County, Ohio; and Oliver, of Springfield, Ohio.

John E. Penn was reared to the age of 15 years in Salt Creek township and then accompanied his parents to Pickaway township, where he has lived ever since. His education was obtained in the district schools and his agricultural training from his father. He has always followed agricultural pursuits. On his present farm upon which he settled in 1899, he carries on general farming and raises some stock. He has made a number of substantial improvements.

In February, 1884, Mr. Penn was married to Mary L. Hunter, who was born in Ohio and is a daughter of Joseph Hunter, formerly a resident of Pickaway County and later, of Madison County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Penn have four children, namely: Bessie A., Lyman E., Ernest E. and Hazel B. Mr. Penn is giving his children every advantage in his power and they are growing into intelligent young people, capable of filling almost any position to which the duties of life may call them.

Mr. Penn has been a lifelong Republican, but he has accepted no office except that of school director and has served as such for nine consecutive years in District No. 2. He is a member of the Foresters lodge at Circleville.

WILLIAM F. STOUT, a member of the board of trustees of Pickaway township and a popular and well-known citizen, was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 11, 1867. He is a son of Jeremiah and Caroline (Sitler) Stout.

The Stout family came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and the mother of William F. Stout was also born there. Jeremiah Stout, however, was born in Ohio, and for many years was a respected resident of Washington township. Both he and his wife died there.

William F. Stout received his education in the public schools of Washington township. His life has been mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits and he is considered a good, careful farmer.

On January 3, 1906, Mr. Stout was married to Leona Calvert, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jacob Calvert of Salt Creek township, Pickaway County.

Politically Mr. Stout has always been affiliated with the Democratic party. As a man of standing in the community, he was selected as one of the board of trustees of the township and is filling the office with the care and attention it demands. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, at Adelphi, Ohio.

WILLIAM W. MILLER, one of the enterprising business men of Circleville, leading in gents' furnishings, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1845, and is a son of John and Caroline (Angel) Miller.

John Miller was born in 1807 in Pennsylvania, and accompanied his parents to Pickaway County in 1812. He was reared in Wal-

nut township and later learned the hatter's trade at Circleville. In 1845 the firm of J. Miller was established, which handled hats exclusively, and Mr. Miller continued in the business until his death in 1877. He was not only one of the early business men of this city, but he was one of the public-spirited and useful citizens. He served as a member of the early City Council and did much to advance the city's prosperity.

William W. Miller was left motherless in infancy. He was reared on a farm and obtained his education in the common schools of his native county. In 1866 he was admitted by his father to a partnership in the hat business and the firm became J. Miller & Son. At the death of his father he succeeded to the business and changed its scope to include a general line of gents' furnishing goods and now conducts the leading business of this kind in Circleville. His stock compares favorably with any in this section of the State.

In 1876 Mr. Miller was married to Rebecca Lee Dougherty. He is a member in good standing of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Circleville. In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican.

EDMOND RECTOR, a well-known citizen and representative farmer of Deer Creek township, residing on the old Rector homestead, belongs to a family which has been established and prominent here for over a century. He was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 14, 1872, and is a son of Thomas W. and Mary (Conkle) Rector.

Henry Rector, the great-grandfather of Edmond, came from Virginia to Pickaway County, Ohio, about 1800, acquired land, married and reared a family. His son, John Rector, was born in Pickaway County, and he also acquired large tracts of land and lived here until his death. He married Miranda Wiggins, and one of their numerous sons was Thomas W., the father of our subject.

Thomas W. Rector was born February 9,

1847. His rearing and education, his agricultural success and his death all took place in Deer Creek township, his death occurring at his residence on the old family farm, on February 9, 1902. He married Mary Conkle, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio, and was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Baungardner) Conkle. Eight children were born to Thomas W. Rector and wife, of whom the seven survivors are: Edmond; Jessie and Carrie, both at home; Wilbe, widow of C. A. Hunsicker, of Williamsport; Lulu, wife of Heman Eckert, of Columbus; John R., who at present is in Oklahoma; and Guy T., who lives at home. Thomas W. Rector was a staunch supporter of the Republican party. In his neighborhood he was a man of high standing but he never consented to fill any public office except that of school director. He was one of the liberal supporters and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belonged to Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., at Williamsport.

Edmond Rector was reared in Deer Creek township and here received his education in the public schools. He has always engaged in farming on the home place, agriculture being an occupation followed by his family for generations.

Politically Mr. Rector is prominent in the Republican party in his township. He is now serving as assessor and has shown his interest in the matter of public education by serving as school director. He is a member of Williamsport Lodge, No. 478, Knights of Pythias.

JOHN PETERS, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Scioto township, resides in a beautiful home of brick construction, which is situated on a magnificent farm of 600 acres, all of which is in one body. He belongs to one of the oldest and most substantial families of the county. He was born in Royalton township, Fairfield County, Ohio, October 27, 1847, and is a son of Andrew and Ann H. (Reber) Peters.

Andrew Peters, the father of our subject, was born August 15, 1809, in Maryland, and accompanied his parents to Ohio, when he was just old enough to cause his mother anxiety by persisting in looking over the old-fashioned wagon-bed, as the family was being conveyed over the mountains, across unbridged streams and through unbroken forests. Samuel Peters, the grandfather of John Peters, located in Fairfield County, where he became a man of substance and finally passed away. His son Andrew died in Fairfield County on July 8, 1894. He had been a farmer and trader all his life. He married Ann H. Reber, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 31, 1821, and died May 21, 1897. They had five children, as follows: Alice, deceased in October, 1894, who was the wife of George Creed, of Fairfield County; Emma, deceased at the age of six years; Frank, who is a large farmer and wealthy resident of Harrison township; John, the subject of this sketch; and Milton, who is also engaged in farming in Fairfield County.

The old Peters family ancestry can be definitely given from the birth of the grandfather, Samuel Peters, who was a son of Jacob Peters, of Philadelphia, and was born November 27, 1772. On November 28, 1795, he married Mary Stevenson, who was born September 28, 1773, and was a daughter of Daniel Stevenson, of Baltimore, Maryland.

The children of Samuel and Mary (Stevenson) Peters were: Henry, born October 1, 1796; Robinson Jones, born December 18, 1799; Nathan, born June 20, 1800; Wesley, born October 10, 1801; Rachel, born August 25, 1803; Stevenson, born June 23, 1805; Leah, born November 19, 1806; Andrew, born August 15, 1809; Gideon, born August 29, 1811; Lewis L., born March 23, 1816; Elizabeth, born November 17, 1814; and Ebenezer.

John Peters attended the district schools in his boyhood and then became a student under Dr. John Williams, who conducted a noted private school at that time, at Lancaster, and subsequently founded the Greenfield Academy, which Mr. Peters attended for three months. In the fall of 1861 he entered Ohio University at Athens, where he completed his education

in 1867. Mr. Peters then engaged in farming and remained in Fairfield County until the spring of 1871, when he came to Pickaway County and located on the farm on which he now resides. At that time this property was all covered with hazel brush and wild briars, but under Mr. Peters' management the land has been converted into its present fine condition, probably being one of the very finest farms in this section of the State, as his residence is one of the most attractive, substantial and comfortable, an ideal rural home.

On January 21, 1875, Mr. Peters was united in marriage with Clara Rebecca Beckett, who is a daughter of James A. and Margaret Beckett, of Commercial Point, both of whom are deceased. Her ancestors were among the first settlers of Virginia birth, to come to this section of the State and her grandfather was the first merchant at Commercial Point. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have these children: Laura May, Alice B., Emma, Homer Hoyt and Margaret Anne. The eldest daughter was born November 15, 1875, and was married on December 27, 1894, to Alva B. Courtright, a prosperous farmer, and they have one son, John Peters. Alice B., who was born August 26, 1877, married Owen P. Lamb, and they reside at Columbus, where Mr. Lamb is interested in the Columbus Packing Company. Emma, born September 13, 1879, was married in June, 1903, to Seymour M. Millar, a son of Michael Millar, a substantial farmer of this section; they reside on a farm near South Bloomfield, Harrison township, and have a little daughter—Louise. Homer Hoyt, born August 14, 1882, is at home with his parents. He first attended school at Granville, then was a student at the Randolph-Macon Academy, in Virginia, and then took a two-years' university course at Athens, Ohio. He supplemented his literary training with a commercial course at a Columbus business college. Margaret Anne completed her education, as did her older sisters, at Mrs. Phelps' Private School, an aristocratic institution at Columbus. All the ladies are highly educated and variously accomplished.

Both Mr. Peters and wife are members of

the Methodist Episcopal Church at Commercial Point. For more than 35 years Mr. Peters has been a member of this religious body, uniting with it at Royalton. He is considered one of the largest capitalists in Scioto township, having, beside a large amount of real estate, a number of safe investments, including stock in the First National Bank, now known as the New First National Bank, which is one of the strongest institutions in Columbus. He was one of the original stockholders of the Market Exchange Bank. For the past 20 years he has systematically invested in stocks and bonds but has also expended some \$10,000 in educating his children. He is the largest tax-payer in his part of the county. Personally, Mr. Peters is a courteous gentleman, whose pleasant address and friendly interest place a visitor at ease and instinctively inspire admiration and confidence.



WILLIAM S. MOORE, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Madison township, owning a fine farm of 225 acres, under an excellent state of cultivation, was born on this farm on April 9, 1847, and is a son of John B. and Catherine Ann (Perrill) Moore.

John B. Moore came from Pennsylvania with his parents, who were early settlers in Madison township, and here his long and honorable life was spent. He was a man of intelligence and energy and took an active interest in public affairs. He was elected clerk of Madison township and was serving his second term as treasurer of Pickaway County, when his death took place, in 1855. He was one of the leading Democrats of the county and was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Lithopolis. He married Catherine Ann Perrill, who was born in Virginia. Of their children, these survive: Missouri E., widow of Thomas B. Vause, now residing at Columbus; Franklin A., of Madison township; Nathan Z., of Columbus; William S., of this sketch; Ella R., wife of George R. Miller, of Madison township; Josephine C., wife of Rev. J. F. Kemper, presiding elder of the Lincoln (Nebraska) district, of the Methodist Episcopal Church—

they reside at University Place, a pleasant suburb of Lincoln. In the death of John B. Moore Pickaway County lost a citizen who had proven his fidelity to the interests entrusted to him and who is recalled with feelings of respect and esteem. His burial took place at Canal Winchester. He was a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and took a deep interest in the Sunday-school. His estimable wife seconded him in his worthy efforts.

William S. Moore grew to manhood and was educated in his native locality, with the additional advantages afforded by one year at the Lebanon (Ohio) Normal School. He has always been interested in farming and stock-raising and for the last quarter of a century has also dealt largely in cattle.

Mr. Moore married Elizabeth Bunn, who was born in Franklin County, Ohio, a member of an old and prominent family of that county. They have three children, viz.: Archie B., Harry P. and Frederick B. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are active members of the Madison Presbyterian Church, in which he is serving as trustee and treasurer. Politically he is a Democrat and for six consecutive years he served as trustee of Madison township. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Lithopolis.



GUSTAVUS A. SCHLEYER, cashier of the Second National Bank of Circleville, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is one of the city's enterprising, educated men, who, in spite of having business interests of an absorbing nature, can find time to take an interest in and to actively promote the higher institutions which make for something more in civic growth than mere material prosperity. Mr. Schleyer was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, February 7, 1857, and is a son of the late John F. Schleyer, who settled with his family at Circleville, in 1863.

Mr. Schleyer was educated in the schools of Circleville and began his business career when a youth of 15 years, when he became a collector for the Second National Bank. He soon realized that a more complete education



DAVID M. PRINDLE.

along business lines would be desirable and took a special course in bookkeeping, studying at night. In 1875 he was promoted to be individual ledger-bookkeeper in the bank and in 1882 was made teller, in 1885 assistant cashier and in 1900, cashier. During all these years he has shown himself thoroughly interested in the general welfare of his community, perhaps in no more signal way than in his successful efforts, while a member of the City Council, in the founding of a fine Public Library and the erection of the large brick structure, on the corner of Main and Pickaway streets. This is no gift from a millionaire but stands as a memorial to the public spirit and cultured intelligence of Gustavus A. Schleyer and his associates.

Mr. Schleyer was married first, at Circleville, in 1880, to Emma Hartmeyer, who was born in this city and was a daughter of ex-Sheriff C. F. Hartmeyer. They had one son, Paul F. Mr. Schleyer married, for his second wife, Nellie Hartmeyer, a sister of the first Mrs. Schleyer. In 1881 he erected a handsome home on Scioto street, Circleville and later, a still more modern one, on the same street. He also owns a large amount of city property, aggregating some three acres which constitute one of the city's residence sub-divisions.

Politically Mr. Schleyer is a Democrat and he has frequently been elected a delegate to important conventions. In 1891 he was elected to the City Council from the Fourth Ward, served as its vice-president, and was chairman of the police committee and of the light committee during the latter's two-year struggle for the introduction of arc lights. He has served also as president of the Public Library and has been connected with many charitable and philanthropic organizations. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias and an Elk.

DAVID M. PRINDLE, a prominent pioneer citizen of Pickaway County, who owns a well-developed farm of 131 acres, situated along the Florence Chapel turnpike, in Muhlenberg township, was born near Utica, New York, June 22, 1834, and is a son of David and Hannah (Kritsinger) Prindle.

The Prindle family originated in England and was founded in America by three brothers, one of these being our subject's great-grandfather. Amos Prindle, the grandfather, spent his life in the State of New York, and there David Prindle, the father of David M., was also born. In 1836 he closed out his farming interests in New York and came to Pickaway County, with his family, subsequently buying a farm of 170 acres in Scioto township, on which he lived during the rest of his life, dying in 1882, in his 81st year. He was a strong Whig in early days, later became a Republican but never consented to hold office. In religious faith he was a Methodist. He married Hannah Kritsinger, who was born in Pennsylvania of German parentage, and spoke the German language fluently. As an indication of the great regard felt for this most worthy lady in her community, a pleasing obituary notice appeared in a Circleville newspaper, a part of which is as follows: "Mrs. Hannah Prindle, an old resident of near Darbyville, died August 11, 1901, and was buried at Darbyville on August 13. She was 89 years of age. She left 10 children, 58 grandchildren, 105 great-grandchildren, and 37 great-great-grandchildren." It is granted to very few to witness so many descendants grow and prosper under one's eyes. In this case the venerable mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother was the center of family affection and interest. Her children were: Anna Eliza, deceased May 21, 1906, who was the wife of Clifford Carpenter, of Muhlenberg township; Mrs. Celinda Clellen, a widow, of Scioto township; Polly, who died young; David M., of this sketch; John, who died young; Aurilla, wife of Joseph Gochenouer, of Scioto township; Daniel, of Scioto township; Elizabeth, wife of Richard Hudson, of Scioto township; Sarah Jane, wife of George Birkhead, of Scioto township; and Perry, deceased.

David M. Prindle was two and a half years old when his parents came to Circleville. During the succeeding winter, his father cleared the timber off the present site of the Everts High School and later moved on the Kepler farm in Scioto township and still later brought a farm in that township, built there a home and

spent the rest of his life there, as mentioned above. David M. Prindle was reared there and went to the district schools as occasion offered, remaining with his parents until he was 27 years of age. In 1863 he went to Illinois and passed one year in Vermilion County and then returned to Pickaway County and remained in Scioto township until the close of the Civil War. When he came to his present farm, it contained 128 acres, still in woods, although the best of the timber had been chopped out. He now owns 131 acres and has cleared 100 acres with his own hands; only one who has accomplished such a feat can recognize what an undertaking it is. Mr. Prindle found here a sawed-log house which he now utilizes as a part of his present dwelling. He has made all the fine improvements here, erecting substantial buildings and has also built a good dwelling for his son, on another part of the farm. Mr. Prindle earned his first considerable amount of capital by peddling and engaging in a huckster business for some seven years prior to purchasing his farm. He has it now under cultivation and devotes it mainly to grain and stock.

On April 16, 1855, Mr. Prindle was married to Elizabeth Gochenouer, who was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio. August 6, 1837, and died here June 13, 1886. She was a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Smith) Gochenouer, the former of whom was born in Pickaway County and the latter in Maryland. The children born to this marriage were: Perry L., who resides south of Circleville in Washington township; Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of Josiah Trego, of Scioto township; John H., of Scioto township; David Henry, of Jackson township; Elmer E., who resides on the home farm; Edwin, deceased in infancy; and Bertha, who married George Clark, of Muhlenberg township. Mr. Prindle was married (second), on October 26, 1896, to Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Brewster, widow of Samuel R. Brewster, and daughter of Thomas and Christina Curry. Mrs. Prindle was born July 4, 1846, in Vinton County, Ohio. She has had no children by either marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Prindle have a child living with

them, named Ollie Stevens, taken from a Children's Home, some nine years ago.

In politics, Mr. Prindle is affiliated with the Republican party. He has served four terms as township trustee and has taken a great deal of interest in the development of Muhlenberg township. It was due to his good judgment that Darbyville has so neat and well-arranged a cemetery, he having staked off the lots and built the mound there. He has also been very active in the Darbyville Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon. Mr. Prindle is one of the representative men of this section and commands the universal respect of his fellow-citizens. His portrait accompanies this sketch.




ENRY HILL, who is engaged in farming in Muhlenberg township, was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 31, 1861, and is a son of William and Anna Maria (Gochenouer) Hill.

William Hill was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 10, 1836, and here spent his whole life, owning a farm of 100 acres in this township which he operated until his death at the age of 54 years. He was a Republican all his life but never entered actively into politics. He was a son of Joshua Hill who came to Ohio from Maryland, locating in Scioto township, Pickaway County, where he entered about 400 acres of land on the Scioto River bottom. He helped haul the stone for the old State House at Columbus. The most of his life, however, was spent in farming. He died on the old home place at the age of 66 years. He had eight children, two of whom are still living. Mrs. William Hill, the mother of our subject, was born April 8, 1841, in Pickaway County, and is a daughter of Henry Gochenouer. She is still living and resides on her father's old place in Scioto township. She is the mother of 14 children: Henry, subject of this sketch; Joshua, who lives in Scioto township; William, who lives near Grove City, in Franklin County; Joseph, who lives in Scioto township; John, of Grove City;

Franklin County; Charles, who died in young manhood; Irwin, Milton, Samuel and Frederick, who live in Columbus; Isaac, a rural free delivery carrier, living in Orient; Rebecca, who lives at home; Wesley, who lives in Harrisburg, where he conducts a bakery; and Mary Elizabeth, who died at the age of 21 years.

Henry Hill was reared on his father's farm, where he remained until the time of his marriage, in 1885, to Sarah E. Brown, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1864, and is a daughter of Samuel E. and Elizabeth (Morris) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have had three children: Florence, who died at the age of eight years; Georgia F. and Elizabeth M. After his marriage, Mr. Hill purchased his present place of 1½ acres, where he has a fine home which he built about 12 years ago. He also operates a farm of 200 acres, which belongs to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown. Mr. Hill at one time worked about five years at carpentering, but has spent the most of his time in farming. Mr. Hill has always been a Republican. He is district commissioner, road supervisor, and is serving on the School Board.

AMUEL STUMP FETHEROLF, postmaster at Era, and a well-known and highly respected citizen of Darby township, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, September 20, 1840. He is one of the oldest merchants of Pickaway County in point of continuous service.

He was educated in the district schools and upon attaining manhood learned the carpenter's trade, afterwards learning the harness-maker's trade. He had been married but 20 days when he was drafted for service in the Civil War, and he was in the army from September, 1864, until the close of the great struggle. During this time he participated in the battles of Morris Island, Appomattox Court House and others, but was fortunate in escaping all injury. Upon his return home, in 1865, he engaged in farming and also followed milling at the Rock House mills in Hocking County.


In 1869 he moved to what was then known as Palestine, but now bears the name of Era, where he embarked in a general mercantile business in 1873. This he has continued, expanding it as trade has demanded, and since 1878 he has been postmaster, having been first appointed under the administration of President R. B. Hayes.

On September 4, 1864, Mr. Fetherolf was married to Margaret Oswalt, a daughter of Asa and Clarissa (Friend) Oswalt, natives of Pennsylvania, who had two children, Margaret and Levi, the latter a resident of Lancaster, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Fetherolf have had these children: Frank, who met death by accident on the railroad, in 1893; Charles, who married Margaret Robbins; Ida L., who married Thomas Neff; Mary, who married John Swartz; Clarissa, who married Edgar Manning, now the mayor of Harrisburg, Ohio; George, who married Lillian Landacre; and Minnie, who married Augustus Stare. Our subject is the proud and happy grandfather of 12 grandchildren, bearing these names: Ethel, Elmer and Lucille Neff; Edgar Leo Swartz; Ruth and Merrell Fetherolf; Gladys and Harry Manning; Cecil and Beryl Fetherolf; and Arthur Davis and Edith Stare.

Mr. Fetherolf occupies an enviable position in the community in which he has so long made his home. Possessing as he does the confidence and esteem of all who know him, he is often made a court of last appeal by his fellow-citizens, who lay their troubles and difficulties before him, assured of his sympathy as well as practical help. He has a number of the old maps and papers concerning the early surveys of the county, as well as private records, and thus, aided by excellent judgment and a large amount of tact, he frequently settles disputes which might otherwise lead to long drawn out proceedings in courts of law. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of 40 years and was an exhorter and local minister for 24 years, until 1904, when he withdrew from the church to be free to "do the work of an evangelist." He is a ready speaker and scarcely any other zealous advocate of temperance and prohibition in the county is more re-

quently called upon or more willingly listened to.

It was mainly through Mr. Fetherolf's efforts that the name "Era" was given to this village, station and postoffice and he has had much to do with the building up of the place. For a number of years he has been local correspondent for the leading journal of Circleville, and for religion and temperance papers and he has also for some time issued two advertising journals of his own, which he calls *The Banner* and *The Courier*. He has also devoted much of his time to writing tracts to be published, and letters in answer to inquiries of those who desire to attain the "better life."

 THOMAS J. MORRIS, formerly auditor of Pickaway County for two terms, has been a resident of Circleville since 1889, but still retains his valuable farm of 160 acres in Walnut township. He was born March 11, 1854, in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of James and Mary (Davis) Morris.

John Morris, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in 1802, settling as a pioneer in Walnut township, Pickaway County, where he later became possessed of 1,000 acres of land, 160 acres of which is now the property of Thomas J. Morris, our subject. He reared a family and left descendants who are now among the county's best citizens.


James Morris, son of John Morris and father of our subject, was born in Walnut township and here grew to manhood, cleared a farm of 160 acres and added several hundred more acres to his first purchase. He died April 22, 1896. For many years he was a justice of the peace and served as township trustee. In politics he was a strong adherent of the Democratic party. He married Mary Davis, who was also a native of Walnut township and a daughter of William Davis, who was one of the pioneer settlers of the township. She died January 7, 1904. Of their nine children, there are now living three sons—Thomas J., our subject; George W., the present treasurer of Pickaway County, a sketch of whom will be found

in this work; and James M., a hardware merchant of Circleville, also represented with a sketch in this book—and four daughters—Mrs. Lydia Stein, of Circleville township; Mrs. Ella Stein, of Jackson township; Mrs. Alice Blacker, of Chillicothe; and Mrs. Clara Campbell, of Circleville. John and Jane are deceased.

The boyhood and youth of Mr. Morris were spent on the farm and in attending school. In 1875 he entered the Worthington Normal School and enjoyed a thorough course of training there which fitted him for the profession of teaching, which he followed for 13 years. After his marriage, Mr. Morris operated a portion of the homestead farm during the summer seasons and taught school in the winter, until 1889, when he moved to Circleville and bought a one-half interest, with Henry Pontius, in a grocery business, the name of the firm being Pontius & Morris. One year later Mr. Morris withdrew in order to give his attention to other matters.

Mr. Morris married Clara K. Ritt, who was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (McDowell) Ritt. They have four children, viz.: Mary E., Emmett C., Clara Helen and Frances R. The family residence is located at No. 722 North Court street, Circleville.

In politics Mr. Morris has always been identified with the Democratic party. Prior to removing to Circleville, Mr. Morris had served as justice of the peace in Walnut township. In the year following his retirement from business, he was elected auditor of Pickaway County and served six years. He has always been active in party matters and wields considerable influence. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows, Foresters and Knights of Pythias.

 ENRY B. RHOADS, the operator of a farm of 322 acres in Jackson township, which lies along the Dawson turnpike, is one of the successful farmers and stock-raisers of his section of the county. Mr. Rhoads was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio,

August 5, 1864, and is a son of Henry and Rosa (Mack) Rhoads.

The Rhoads family in Pickaway County dates back to the settlement here of Leonard Rhoads, the grandfather of Henry B., who located in Pickaway township at a very early day. He acquired land there and died in advanced age. Henry Rhoads, father of Henry B., was born, as was his father, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. When 21 years of age he came to America and joined his parents who had previously located in Pickaway township. He died in 1889 at the age of 59 years, having been a farmer all his life. He married Rosa Mack, who was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and died in Pickaway township in 1888, aged 59 years. She had accompanied her parents to America and they settled in Ross County, Ohio.

The children of Henry and Rosa Rhoads were: Emma, who died at the age of 11 years; Henry B., of this sketch; Annie, who married John Walters, of Circleville township; Maggie, who married Albert Cook, of Circleville; and Frank L., of Pickaway township.

Henry B. Rhoads was reared on his father's farm and continued at home until he was 24 years of age. His education had been obtained in the district schools and he grew to manhood an intelligent, practical farmer. After his marriage he rented a farm in Pickaway township for a year and then farmed the famous "Seven Oaks Farm" in Wayne township for a year and for the next four years operated an adjoining farm. He then came to his present place, which he has rented for the past 12 years. Recently Mr. Rhoads has purchased a valuable farm of 176 acres in Pickaway township but still continues to operate the Jackson township farm which he has so admirably managed. He has the reputation of being a very capable farmer and a successful stock-raiser. The condition of the land demonstrates that his agricultural methods bring about excellent results.

Mr. Rhoads was married February 7, 1888, to Alda Motz, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Catus and Priscilla (Valentine) Motz, natives of Pennsylvania.

They have a family of four children, viz.: Lawrence, Howard, Mabel and Neda Beatrice. Mr. Rhoads is disposed to give his children every advantage in his power. Politically Mr. Rhoads has always been a Democrat but gives more attention to the management of his business than to public affairs. He is one of the leading members of the Lick Run Lutheran Church.



ALTER D. McDILL, one of Wayne township's excellent farmers and respected citizens, resides on his well-improved farm of 100 acres, where he was born July 28, 1863. He is a son of James and Nancy (McCollister) McDill.

The parents of Mr. McDill were both born in Ross County, Ohio. In 1862 they came to Pickaway County and the father purchased a farm from Mr. Flemming, a portion of which is now included in our subject's farm. Here the father died December 13, 1898, and the mother, November 16, 1901. They had the following children: Mary Jane, Maria, Sarah Ellen, Martha, Rachel, Nancy Belle, Owen and Walter D.

Walter D. McDill purchased 100 acres of the home place from the other heirs at the time of his father's death. He has a very valuable home here, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising operations. It took much hard work on his and his father's part to clear the farm of brush and useless shrubs and to put it into its present state of fine cultivation. In his boyhood plenty of wild turkey could be shot where now are his most fertile fields. Mr. McDill was educated in the schools of Wayne township and is a well-informed, sensible, reliable man.

On October 19, 1887, Mr. McDill was married to Lizzie Leist, a daughter of Jacob and Mahala (Kinser) Leist, who had the following children, namely: Lemuel, Salome, Rose, Floyd, Joseph, Minnie, Laura, Lizzie and Mahala. Mrs. Leist passed away on February 11, 1905, but Mr. Leist still survives, residing in

Ross County, Ohio, on a farm on the Pickaway County line.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. McDill are: Russell, born April 25, 1896; Laura, born February 19, 1899, and Florence, born February 4, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. McDill are prominent members of the Church of the Evangelical Association at Yellow Bud. Mr. McDill has long been connected with the schools of the township, has served as a member of the School Board and is now one of the school directors of District No. 5. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

ADAM RUEB, who has been settled on an excellent farm of 120 acres, situated near Salem, in Pickaway township, since 1901, belongs to that large class of excellent agriculturists who have made this part of the county famous. Mr. Rueb was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 14, 1868, and is a son of John B. and Catherine (Uhrig) Rueb.

The father and mother of Mr. Rueb were both born in Germany, and both were brought to America in childhood by their respective parents. They were early settlers in Ross County, John B. Rueb and wife now reside near Kingston. For a few years they lived in Vermilion County, Illinois. John B. Rueb fought for the Union in the Civil War.

Adam Rueb was about five years old when his parents returned to Ross County from Illinois, and he was reared on a farm some eight miles from Chillicothe. He attended the local schools and prepared, under his father, to adopt farming as his business in life. His farm in Pickaway township shows the effects of careful cultivation and demonstrates his ability as a first-class farmer.

Mr. Rueb was married February 10, 1895, to Estella Mahr, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, February 28, 1872, and is a daughter of the late Joseph Mahr, of Ross County. Mr. and Mrs. Rueb have two children, viz.: May A., born January 4, 1897, and Floyd M., born February 18, 1899.

In politics Mr. Rueb is a staunch Democrat.

He is a liberal supporter of the public schools and takes an interest in improving the roads and advancing the farming interests of his locality. He is one of the respected and highly esteemed citizens of Pickaway township.

ELI REICHELDERFER, a well-known agriculturist of Salt Creek township, where he is the fortunate owner of 161 acres of valuable farming land, was born November 26, 1858, in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Mowery) Reichelderfer, extended mention of whom will be found in the sketch of Harvey Reichelderfer, appearing in another part of this work. The family is an old pioneer one of the county and has many well-known and most highly esteemed members in Salt Creek and adjacent townships.

Eli Reichelderfer was reared in Salt Creek township and attended the district schools. The family has always been an agricultural one, turning out many good farmers and our subject can lay claim to being one of the best. His well-cultivated land, his herds of cattle and fine stock and his well cared for machinery, testify both to his excellence as a farmer and his good business judgment.

In political sentiment Mr. Reichelderfer is one of the sound Democrats of Salt Creek township and takes much interest in the success of his party. He is a worthy member of the Lutheran Church at Tarlton and is a member of its board of trustees. In his business relations Mr. Reichelderfer is known to be an honorable and upright man.

EDWARD E. SMITH, one of the prominent men and valued citizens of Circleville, president of the Citizens' Telephone Company, treasurer of the Ohio Cereal Company and treasurer of the Esmeralda Canning Company, was born at Circleville in 1866 and is a son of Edward Smith.

Mr. Smith was reared in this city and here

completed the common school course and then spent four years at the University of Notre Dame. After leaving school, he was interested with his father, for some seven years, in the broom corn industry, and later engaged in farming and milling. He became a member of the firm of J. S. Smith & Brothers and later was interested in the firm's successor—the Smith Mill Company. When the Ohio Cereal Company was organized in 1900 and took over the interests of the Smith Mill Company and Crites Brothers & Company, he became treasurer of the new organization. Noted above are the large industries in which he is interested, these being very important ones in Pickaway County. He is a business man of broadened view and his co-operation is sought in many of the commercial enterprises of this locality.

In 1902 Mr. Smith was married to Julia Corcoran, a daughter of Thomas Corcoran, who during life was extensively interested in coal mining, being superintendent of the Sunday Creek and Congo coal companies. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Circleville.



B. BENFORD, president of the First National Bank of Circleville, and senior member of the large hardware firm of C. Benford & Son, of this city, was born February 21, 1851, in Pennsylvania, and is a son of Cyrus and Harriet (Walker) Benford.

The late Cyrus Benford was one of Circleville's most successful business men and valued citizens. For a number of years he conducted an extensive hardware business here, and for the last five years of his life was president of the Third National Bank of Circleville, of which he was one of the incorporators. He was a man of the highest integrity and both in his home and abroad was honored and respected. He had 10 children.

B. F. Benford was reared and educated in his native State until 18 years of age, when

he came to Pickaway County, and in the following year entered into the hardware business. He still owns and operates what is the most extensive establishment of the kind in the city, which is still conducted under the old firm name of C. Benford & Son. Since 1898 he has been president of the First National Bank of Circleville.

Mr. Benford was united in marriage with Florence Fickardt, a daughter of George H. Fickardt, and they have one daughter—Caroline. Politically Mr. Benford is a Republican. Fraternally he is an Elk.



WILLIAM J. BINKLEY, a well-known citizen and representative agriculturist of Salt Creek township, is also an honored survivor of the Civil War, in which he served from 1861 until 1863. Mr. Binkley was born July 5, 1842, at Adelphi, Ohio, and is a son of William and Margaret (Strawser) Binkley.

The father of Mr. Binkley was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, and the mother in Ross County, Ohio. William Binkley settled at a very early day at Adelphi, where he carried on a mercantile business. He was 18 years old when he accompanied his parents to that village from Fairfield County, and there he spent his life. His father had been a merchant before him, a pioneer in the business at Adelphi, and William Binkley continued and expanded it.

William J. Binkley was reared at Adelphi and was educated in the public schools of the town and after reaching a business age he was engaged for a time in a grocery enterprise there. The larger part of his life, however, has been devoted to farming and raising fine horses, and both he and his wife have valuable farming interests both in Pickaway and Salt Creek townships.

On July 17, 1861, Mr. Binkley offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company A, 27th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., his regiment being assigned to the 17th Army Corps and

attached to the Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Binkley participated in many great battles, including Shiloh, Corinth and Iuka, and in numberless skirmishes and long and wearying marches before he secured his honorable discharge, on January 23, 1863. For some years he was active in the Grand Army of the Republic post at Adelphi, of which he was quartermaster.

On September 27, 1888, Mr. Binkley was married to Mrs. Jane (Dunkel) Rush, who was the widow of the late Samuel W. Rush, of Pickaway County. She is a daughter of George and Sarah A. (Mounts) Dunkel, and was born April 28, 1856. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of George Dunkel, who was an early settler in Salt Creek township. Mrs. Binkley's father died when she was five years old, but her mother survived many years, dying subsequently at Circleville. By her first marriage, Mrs. Binkley has one daughter, Laura D., who resides at home. Of the old and prominent family of Dunkel, Mrs. Binkley is the only survivor in Salt Creek township.

Politically, Mr. Binkley is a Republican and while a resident of Ross County served as treasurer of Colerain township. He has always been a good citizen but has not been anxious to take upon himself the cares of office-holding. He and his wife have one of the most commodious and beautiful homes in their section of Pickaway County and it is so located that it is seen by those passing on the public highway. Mr. and Mrs. Binkley have learned the secret of enjoying life to its full and to this beautiful home they frequently offer a hearty welcome to their many friends.



LEONARD MILLAR, who resides on his valuable farm three-quarters of a mile west of South Bloomfield, in Harrison township, has lived continuously on his present homestead for a period of 26 years. His place is a part of the estate of William Millar, his maternal grandfather, and is cultivated on thorough and scientific

principles, being therefore both attractive and productive. Mr. Millar was born in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 1, 1854, and is a son of Isaac D. and Sarah Ann (Millar) Millar.

The branch of the Millar family to which our subject belongs is of old Virginia stock, and the early ancestors held various grants from the British crown. Members of the family commenced to migrate to Ohio about 1803, soon after its admission to the Union.

Isaac Millar, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born February 9, 1749, married Elizabeth Sea, on October 28, 1777, and died January 23, 1815, in the 66th year of his age. His wife, who was born August 15, 1756, died April 14, 1794. Their children were as follows: William, born August 6, 1788; Catherine, born February 19, 1780; Rebecca, born February 3, 1783; Michael, born March 30, 1785; Isaac, born December 6, 1787; Elizabeth, born February 4, 1790; and Adam, our subject's grandfather. William, the oldest child, married Mary Sudduth and they had the following family: Elizabeth, born May 2, 1809; George Washington, born February 5, 1811; Isaac, born January 28, 1813; Adam, born March 15, 1815; Sarah Ann (mother of our subject), born April 24, 1817; Lucinda, born December 12, 1819; William A. P., born November 17, 1824; and Mary Catherine, born April 23, 1830.

Adam Millar, the paternal grandfather of Leonard Millar, was born March 24, 1792, and died March 28, 1824. He married Rebecca Decker and to them were born two sons: Isaac D., our subject's father; and John, who died in young manhood.

Isaac D. Millar, the father, was born March 18, 1822, and on February 22, 1844, married Sarah Ann Millar, daughter of William and Mary (Sudduth) Millar. The seven children born to their union were: John D., born December 6, 1844, who died March 28, 1860; William, born April 28, 1847, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Mary Rebecca, born September 6, 1850, wife of Hon. Thaddeus E. Cromley; Leonard, of this sketch;



MR. AND MRS. HOMER V. RUSH AND DAUGHTERS.

Isaac M. and Adam P. (twins), born March 21, 1857, the former deceased February 3, 1860, and the latter, March 26, 1886; and Annie L., who married F. S. Chryst, a lawyer of Warren, Ohio, and present probate judge of Trumbull County—Mrs. Chryst died March 25, 1901, leaving two daughters, Blanche E. and Sarah M. The death of Isaac D. Millar took place October 21, 1867; he was survived many years by his wife, who lived to the age of 83 years, dying on June 27, 1900.

Leonard Millar obtained what education he could in the South Bloomfield school, and after leaving school commenced his life work of farming upon the family homestead. On the 10th of October, 1888, he was united in marriage to Lida Grace Stimmel, daughter of Peter and Catherine Stimmel, of Franklin County, Ohio. Mrs. Millar's father died when she was about six years of age; her mother is now a resident of Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Millar have two sons: Earle William, born August 8, 1889, who is a student at the Ashville High School; and Benford S., who is attending the district school at South Bloomfield.

Mrs. Leonard Millar, the wife of our subject, is a capable, well-educated woman. After finishing the common-school work, she spent three years in the completion of a thorough business course, which was afterward supplemented by a special training in stenography. She is of German ancestry, the first of her family to come to the United States being Yost Stimmel. This ancestor of the American branch was born in 1756, and his wife, Hannah Magdalene Stocker, four years afterward. The family located in Frederick County, Maryland, where Mr. Stimmel resided and cultivated his farm, dying in 1805 and being buried on the family homestead.

Michael Stimmel, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Millar, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, and died in 1859. On March 3, 1790, he was married to Catherine Plum, born in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia), March 3, 1790, who passed away in 1872, at the age of 82.

Peter Stimmel, the grandfather, was a na-

tive of Frederick County, Maryland, born in 1788. He married Elizabeth Landes, daughter of Samuel Landes, of Hamilton township, Franklin County, Ohio, and resided on the Landes homestead, one mile north of Lockbourne. Their family consisted of the following members: John, Jacob, Samuel, Mary, Peter, Hannah, Michael and Lydia. Peter Stimmel died in 1844, aged 55 years, and his widow survived him until 1855, when she died at the age of 63.

Peter Stimmel, the fifth child of this family, was the father of Mrs. Leonard Millar. He was born at Lockbourne, Franklin County, Ohio, July 17, 1824, but from the age of five years until his death, February 28, 1874, was a resident of Shadeville, Franklin County, engaged at various times as a merchant and a grain dealer. He was also the owner of a farm, and a man of good standing and circumstances. His wife, Catherine Hulva, was born near Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio, January 3, 1837, and, as stated, resides in Columbus, where she is a nurse. Besides Mrs. Leonard Millar, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stimmel were Henry Landes, Carrie A., Arabella H., Effie G. and Earl H. Henry Landes Stimmel, the oldest brother of Mrs. Millar, is a traveling man, residing at Decatur, Illinois.

HOMER VIRGIL RUSH, one of the substantial citizens and representative farmers of Pickaway County, who owns and operates a valuable farm of 173 acres in Scioto township, was born on his present farm, December 8, 1855, and is a son of Francis N. and Matilda (Rayn) Rush.

The Rush family originated in Germany. Its movements as pioneers and early settlers are full of interest. The great-grandparents of our subject, who were of German birth, emigrated to America and located in Pennsylvania. At a later date they removed to Virginia and there Francis Rush, the grandfather of Homer V. Rush, was born and reared. He married Nancy Greenwade, who was born in

England and accompanied her parents when they settled in Virginia. They had eight children, all of whom have passed away, viz.: Thomas, deceased at the age of 45 years; Polly, deceased at the age of 30 years; Jacob, who was married four times; John, who married Ann Vocum—both now deceased; Sarah (twin sister of John), who married Cornelius Sharp; Nelson, who married Martha Chambers; Francis, father of our subject; and William, who married Hester Hillery.

The grandparents of our subject started for what was then the wilderness of Pickaway County, Ohio, after the birth of three of their children, Thomas, Polly and Jacob. The old home in Virginia did not promise any substantial fortune for a growing family, and Francis Rush decided that it was the part of wisdom to seek a home in a new locality even if much hardship had to be endured in reaching the destination. It was an ingenious arrangement of a sort of saddle-bag, fastened on the back of a faithful old family horse, that enabled the tired mother and children to ease the long distance by occasionally enjoying a ride. The little party was accompanied by the brother-in-law of Mr. Rush; both men carried their flint-lock rifles and thus provided the entire subsistence for the long journey.

Soon after reaching Ohio and establishing his family in a log cabin in the woods, Francis Rush answered the call for recruits and entered the army and fought through the War of 1812. While all due credit should be given Mr. Rush for his patriotism, a thought should be reserved for the courageous and capable wife who lived with her children through these times, almost unprotected in the dense woods of Ohio. Mr. Rush died in 1861, and was survived by his widow until 1870.

Francis N. Rush, son of Francis, and father of Homer V., was born in Ohio in 1820, and assisted in the developing of the pioneer farm. In 1849 he was united in marriage with Matilda Rayn, a daughter of John and Huldah Rayn, who came to Ohio from Maryland. She had four sisters and five brothers, as follows: Nancy, Elizabeth, Ellen, Levicy, Cyrus, William, John, Edward and Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush had four children, as follows: Austin, who married Martha W. Mitchell; Homer Virgil; Alice, who married William Thrailkill, a farmer of Scioto township; and Eugene B., who married Emma Mundell.

Homer Virgil Rush was reared on the farm where he now lives, which has been his home all his life. This land is his inheritance from his father and is a part of the famous old Buckley woods and was long known as the Buckley farm. It is a valuable piece of property, well adapted to general farming and, as it is traversed by a never-failing stream of water, known as Morris Run, is also well suited for stock-raising.

In 1880 Mr. Rush was married to Caroline Maris, the only daughter of James and Elizabeth (Worrell) Maris, who were well-known members of the Society of Friends. Three children have been born to this marriage—Leatha, Mary and Marvin M. The eldest daughter was graduated from the High School at McConnellsville, Ohio, and also from the Capitol College of Oratory, at Columbus, in 1903, and taught elocution for one year at Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio, and while there became acquainted with J. Otley Lehman, a student from Illinois, to whom she was married on September 7, 1905. He is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is stationed at Moweaqua, Illinois. Mary, the second daughter, graduated at the Commercial Point High School, in the class of 1906. Her specialty is music and she is an accomplished performer on piano and violin. She married Ralph R. Thomas, who is a son of Newton N. Thomas, who farms his father's land in Darby township.

Marvin M. Rush, the only son of the family, was born May 7, 1890, and lived only until September, 1891. His death was a great blow to the family, as he was a beautiful, interesting child. His little casket was laid away in the Darbyville Cemetery, after comforting words were spoken by Rev. F. H. Smiley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which religious body the family belongs.

While Mr. Rush has never been prominent

in politics, he votes with the Republican party and aims to keep good men in office. He has served as justice of the peace in Scioto township and is a member of the township School Board. A group picture of the Rush family is shown on a preceding page in connection with this sketch.

GEORGE H. ROOF, a well-known agriculturist and valued citizen of Pickaway township, residing on the S. H. Evans estate, located on the Circleville and Kingston turnpike, about three and a half miles south of Circleville, was born September 14, 1872, in Pickaway township. He is a son of Frederick and Anna (Goeller) Roof.

The father of Mr. Roof was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died in 1886, at the age of 38 years. The mother was born in Germany and resides at Circleville, Ohio. Of the seven children born to Frederick Roof and wife, four survive, these being: Charles E., of Circleville; Rose, wife of Clinton Jenkins, of Circleville; Anelia, wife of Edward Cook, of Circleville; and George H., of this sketch. In political sentiment Frederick Roof was a Democrat. For many years he was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church.

George H. Roof was reared in Circleville township and was educated in the Circleville schools. From his youth he has been interested and engaged in agricultural pursuits, a thorough training making him an experienced and successful farmer. The large estate which he so capably manages contains 320 acres of land, and here Mr. Roof carries on general farming and stock-raising.

On October 14, 1897, Mr. Roof was married to Maud E. Phillips, a daughter of Evan Phillips, of Pickaway township. In politics, Mr. Roof is identified with the Democratic party and has served as township assessor. He takes an active interest in public matters in the township, especially in those closely concerning agricultural advancement and deserves the reputation accorded him of being a public-spirited, reputable and useful citizen.

JOSEPH A. BAUM, a well-known citizen and representative agriculturist of Madison township, residing on his valuable and well-cultivated farm of 160 acres, was born in this township, September 25, 1854, and is a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Roof) Baum.

The Baum is an old and long-lived family of Madison township. The father of our subject, now in his 83rd year, was born here and is one of the township's oldest residents. He was identified with much of its early development and can recall a large part of its pioneer history.

Joseph A. Baum has been a life-long resident of Madison township and owes his education to her public schools. His entire business life has been concerned with the township's agricultural interests and he bears the reputation of being an excellent farmer. His well-cultivated acres show the effect of careful methods and the whole appearance of his home indicates thrift and good management.

Mr. Baum was married to Sarah C. Snyder, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Adam and Anna M. Snyder. Mrs. Baum's father is deceased; her mother lives in Fairfield County. Mr. and Mrs. Baum have these children: Lena L., wife of John W. Hay, of Harrison township; Clara B., Chrissie C. and Clayton B., all at home.

For 12 consecutive years Mr. Baum served as a trustee of Madison township and for four years as a member of the School Board. He is one of the staunch supporters of the Democratic party in his section and wields considerable influence. He is one of the leading members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and has always been one of the most active workers in the Sunday-school, for 20 years serving as its superintendent. He has also been a church trustee for many years. When the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was organized in April, 1904, Mr. Baum was one of its promoters and is a member of its board of directors. Mr. Baum is a director and stockholder in the Ashville Banking Company, of Ashville, which is capitalized at \$50,000. In all that concerns the well-being of the com-

munity, Mr. Baum takes a public-spirited interest and his fellow-citizens know that they may count on his hearty co-operation.

HENRY J. BENNETT, one of Circleville's esteemed retired citizens, has been prominently identified with large business enterprises both in Ohio and in other States for a quarter of a century. He was born in 1853, at Dover, Canada, and was five years old when he accompanied his parents to Circleville, Ohio.

The city of Circleville, which he has assisted to develop, has been Mr. Bennett's chosen home all through his more than usual successful business career. He was educated here and was the pioneer in the ice business, in which he engaged first when a lad of 16 years. This business was continued by him under the business style of the Circleville Ice Company until 1903, when he disposed of it. He has numerous interests, owning valuable real estate in the cities of Circleville, Columbus and Chicago, Illinois; gold mines in South Dakota, Idaho and Arizona, and is interested in a tract of 640 acres of coal land on the Elk River, West Virginia, where there is an outcrop of 16 feet of coal on the ledges above the railroad. He also has silver and lead interests in other parts of the country and owns stock in many prospering industries. He is a man of remarkable business sagacity and still looks after many of his enterprises himself.

In 1883 Mr. Bennett was married to Emma B. Breternitz, of Circleville, and they have one son, W. B., who is engaged in looking after mining interests in Arizona. This young man graduated at the Circleville High School and then entered Kenyon College, but was obliged by ill health to leave prior to finishing his course and is now building up his health in the mountains of the West.

Mr. Bennett has been one of the most valued members of the City Council, elected on the Republican ticket, overcoming by 21 votes the usual Democratic majority of 55. For the past 22 years he has been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Circleville.




FRANKLIN MILLAR. The late Franklin Millar, whose death occurred March 15, 1878, was for 50 years a resident of Madison township where he was born January 11, 1828, being a son of Isaac and Susan (Decker) Millar.

Isaac Millar was born in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and in 1806 came to Ohio, settling on a section of land in Madison township, Pickaway County. He accumulated considerable property during his life and at one time owned 1,800 acres of land in Madison and Harrison townships. In 1815 he built and operated a small distillery and corn mill. He brought the first threshing machine and the first reaper into Madison township where the greater part of his life was spent. In 1812 he married Susan Decker, also a native of Virginia and to them were born nine children, as follows: Rebecca, John D., Jacob, Michael, Susan, Sarah, Franklin, Hannah and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased but Hannah (wife of George W. Brown) and Elizabeth (widow of Jesse Musselman). Isaac Millar died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Musselman, July 15, 1883.

Franklin Millar was reared and educated in Madison township and devoted his whole life to agricultural pursuits in which he was uniformly successful. He was married on May 18, 1854, to Jane A. Rarey, who was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of George and Jane (Wilson) Rarey, who were early settlers in this township, where the former was a large farmer and stock-raiser. Mrs. Millar's mother died in 1836 and her father in 1850. She was reared in Madison township and was mainly educated at Lithopolis where she completed her education in the high school. To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Millar were born seven children, namely: Isaac, Hannah D., Charles R., Margaret R., Clara, Franklin G. and Irvin. Isaac was married to Mary E. Wilson on January 11, 1888, and on the 4th of the following August was killed by lightning in the house where he was born. On October 16th of the same year, a son, Isaac, was born to his widow, which son now lives with his mother at the Wilson home-

stead near St. Paul, Ohio. Hannah D. died November 15, 1893. Charles R. died December 24, 1875. Clara married William H. Rugh and lives on an adjoining farm in Madison township. Margaret R., Franklin G. and Irvin live with their mother on the home farm. The subject of this sketch died in the full belief of a blessed immortality. He was, as is his widow, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church located near Duvall, Ohio. Mrs. Millar is a lady who is widely and favorably known throughout Madison township for her many estimable qualities and numbers her friends by the score.


 CLINTON B. TEEGARDIN, the popular clerk of Madison township, who owns a fine farm of 160 acres which he devotes to general farming and the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and fine stock, was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 29, 1870, and is a son of Peter and Ivy (Crum) Teegardin.

Peter Teegardin was born in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and was a son of William Teegardin, who came with his father, Aaron Teegardin, to this locality from Pennsylvania, when the country was still wild. In Peter Teegardin the township had one of its most reputable and useful citizens. He served as township trustee for a number of years and enjoyed the entire confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was one of the pillars of the Madison Presbyterian Church. His wife died in 1883 and his own death followed in 1900. Of his children, these survive: William H., of Kansas City, Missouri; Hannah E., widow of Samuel V. Murphy, of Madison township, Franklin County; Thomas H., of Madison township; George E., of Columbus; Edwin O., of Madison township; Sarah A., of Madison township; Clara M., wife of O. C. Peters, of Madison township; Peter M., of Madison township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Clinton B., of this sketch; and Cora A., wife of Oscar Housinger, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Clinton B. Teegardin grew up on his father's farm in Madison township and, after completing his preparatory education in the local schools, entered the University of Kentucky, at Lexington, where he was graduated in 1896. In addition to managing his large property and stock interests, Mr. Teegardin gives attention to public matters of import and also serves as secretary and treasurer of the Pickaway County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association. He was one of the promoters and main organizers of this successful enterprise.

Politically Mr. Teegardin is a Democrat and as a member of that party he has done a great deal of effective campaign work. He is now serving as clerk of Madison township and is a very popular official. He is known favorably all over the county.

On November 27, 1902, Mr. Teegardin was married to Mary L. Warner, who is a daughter of that prominent citizen of Madison township, Elisha Warner, Esq., and they have two children—Paul W. and Ruth P. Mr. Teegardin is one of the active members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Madison township and is a member of its board of trustees.

 F. ANDERSON, dealer in marble and granite, at Circleville, is one of the representative business men of this city. He was born in Marion County, Iowa, March 22, 1868, and in childhood accompanied his parents to Christian County, Illinois.

After completing his education, Mr. Anderson secured employment as a salesman for Barbre & O'Brien, granite and marble dealers at Taylorville, Illinois, with whom he remained for two years and then purchased a one-half interest in the business. One year later Mr. Anderson and Mr. Barbre bought out Mr. O'Brien and continued together for two years, when Mr. Anderson sold his interest to Mr. Barbre and was employed for two years by the Richter Monument Works, Springfield, Illinois, and then located at Circleville. Here he

bought the old established business of James Harsha, who had founded it in 1860. Mr. Anderson purchased the above mentioned business February 1, 1898, and has conducted it ever since. In February, 1906, Mr. Anderson purchased his present building and is well equipped for all kinds of business in his line. His territory covers all of Pickaway and adjoining counties, and he has a branch office at Mount Sterling, Ohio. His fine monuments and modern style of vaults can be seen all over this section.

Mr. Anderson is a stockholder in the Montello Granite Company at Montello, Wisconsin, where are located some of the finest quarries of granite in the United States. He is an excellent business man and his methods bring him the confidence and esteem of the trade and the public.

Mr. Anderson married Jennie (Gongwere) Murgotten, and they have two children, Walter and Edith. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his fraternal relations Mr. Anderson is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight of Pythias, a member of the Woodmen of the World and of the Modern Woodmen of America.



CHARLES WILSON DAVIS, principal of the Darbyville public schools and for the past 11 years an educator here, was born in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on the farm west of Five Points operated by his father, on October 28, 1863. He is a son of William and Emily (Peacher) Davis.

The parents of Mr. Davis were natives of Virginia. They moved to Ross County, Ohio, with their parents, in childhood and were there reared and married. In 1859 they settled in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio. The mother died in Scioto township, aged 62 years and the father's death followed in Darby township at the age of 68 years. They had nine children, namely: John Wesley, who died aged 13 years; Edward, who died aged 44 years; Sarah, who married James Campbell, of Fayette County; Martha (Hatfield), deceased; George, of Darby township; Charles

Wilson, of this sketch; William, of Columbus; Dennison; and James, of Columbus.

When Charles W. Davis was a lad of seven years, his parents purchased and settled on a farm south of Five Points, where the family lived for three years and then moved to the village and lived there until 1878. They were then located in Darby township until 1884, when they returned to Monroe township. When 23 years of age, after careful preparation, our subject began to teach and after three years took a year's course at the Ohio Normal University at Ada. Since then he has continued in his chosen field, giving all his efforts to his native county. For 11 years he has been identified with the Darbyville school and for the past year has been at its head. He, with his two capable assistants, has 85 pupils in charge. Mr. Davis gave his entire attention to his school work until December 3, 1903, when, with Harry Moore, he embarked in a mercantile business at Darbyville, under the firm name of Davis & Moore. He has been a resident at Darbyville since 1893 and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

In 1892 Charles W. Davis was married to Sally Graham, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 28, 1873, and is a daughter of Thomas L. and Elizabeth (Bell) Graham, natives of Pickaway County, who spent the larger portion of their lives in Darby township.

Although Mr. Davis has never been a very active politician, he has been a staunch Democrat all his life. He is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Darbyville and has been a class leader for five years and for eight years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school.



CHARSON CHASE McCAFFERTY, whose fine home farm of 105 acres is situated in Monroe township, owns another farm which is located on Deer Creek. Both properties are in a fine state of cultivation. Mr. McCafferty was born in Fayette County, Ohio, and

is a son of David and Ann E. (Steele) McCafferty.

William McCafferty, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland, where he married a Miss Nutt, of German extraction. After his death his widow married Isaac Moore. Two children were born to the first marriage, viz.: Eliza, who married Ezra Blaine, now of Mount Sterling, Ohio; and David, the father of our subject. The three children of the second marriage of the grandmother of our subject were: Harry, who married Martha Alkire and, after her death, Tabitha Hedges, who survives him; Madeline, deceased, who married the late Spencer McCafferty; and Clara, who is the widow of a Mr. Shook.

The parents of David McCafferty located first in Fayette County but moved to Madison County before his birth. He was reared on a farm which lay along Duff's Forks, and he remained at home until his marriage, after which he settled on an 80-acre farm in Fayette County, near Bloomingburg, and it was here that Carson C. McCafferty was born. After the birth of two children, the parents moved to Monroe township, Pickaway County, selling the old farm and purchasing the 105 acres in Monroe township, on which the father died September 9, 1896. This farm is occupied by the widow of David McCafferty, with her son Charles.

After reaching manhood, David McCafferty was married to Ann E. Steele, who is a daughter of James P. Steele, a well-known old citizen. Mrs. McCafferty had one sister and four brothers, namely: Elizabeth, who married Tillison Neff—both died in Kansas; David; James P., who married Mary Taylor, now deceased; Adam, who married Mary France and lives at Five Points, Monroe township; and Franklin, who married Catherine Davis (now deceased) and lives near San Francisco, California.

The children of David McCafferty and wife were: Carson C., of this sketch; Elizabeth, who married W. H. Thomas and lives on a farm adjoining that of our subject; Clara, who died at the age of four years; Adam, de-

ceased in infancy; Vista C., who married C. W. Mouser and lives in Perry township; James T., who married Etta Baker and, after her death, Christina Brown—they live near Five Points; Estelle, deceased at the age of 23 years; Charles F., unmarried, who lives with his mother on the homestead; and Scott, who married (first) Hester Crownover (deceased February 28, 1896), and (second), Emma Morehart—they live at Mount Sterling, Ohio.

Carson C. McCafferty was educated in the township schools where his parents lived during his boyhood and youth. His advantages were no better than those of many of his comrades, but he undoubtedly made better use of them, for immediately after his marriage he was engaged to teach school at Mount Sterling, where he lived for the first year. He then rented a farm on Deer Creek, which he subsequently purchased. He did not give up teaching, however, seeming to have special ability as an educator. He taught for five years in Perry township, and after an interval taught three years more. He next purchased 84 acres of land from the Hanawalt estate, on which he lived from 1879 until 1893, when he sold it and bought the farm on which he still resides. Mr. McCafferty then gave up teaching and devoted his energies mainly to farming.

The farm owned by Mr. McCafferty was formerly included in the Porter estate; a part of it was purchased from the heirs in 1878 and the rest in 1890. Two old log houses were the only buildings on the place at the time of purchase and one of these Mr. McCafferty utilizes as a barn. His handsome residence of eight rooms was built in 1893 and is a comfortable, attractive home. He has made innumerable improvements here and his property has grown to be very valuable. He operates both of his farms and raises principally wheat, corn and hogs. His well-cultivated land shows that it is well managed and there are unmistakable evidences that it is very productive.

On March 12, 1876, Mr. McCafferty was married to Elizabeth J. Porter, a daughter of James and Mary E. Porter, of Pickaway County. Mr. Porter was twice married and Mrs. McCafferty has three brothers and two sisters,

viz.: William J., who married Mary Maddox; John, who married Olive Taylor; Milton, who married Alice Robison; Catherine, who married William Longerbone; and Mahala, who married J. W. Lewis. The half-brothers and sisters of Mrs. McCafferty are: Vincent, who married Sapphira Nutt; Clement V. Hughes, who married Carrie Porter; Margaret, who married Joseph Maddox; and Margaret, who married Sherman Larey.

Mr. and Mrs. McCafferty have five children but none was born on the present farm. They are as follows: Walter E., born at Mount Sterling, Ohio, January 15, 1877, who married Opal Porter, has two children, Verna and Earl, and lives in Monroe township; Cora May, born February 25, 1879, in Monroe township, who married Myrel Scott and lives at Waterloo, Ohio; Grace L., born August 29, 1880, in Monroe township, who lives at home; Edna C., born in Monroe township, August 26, 1884, who married Charles Fulton, has one son, Lewis A., and lives at Mount Sterling, Ohio; and Perry Clark, born in Pickaway County, June 1, 1889, who is attending school.

Mr. McCafferty has been one of the township's leading men for many years. For the past 18 years he has been a justice of the peace, for six years a notary public and for two years was supervisor and a member of the election board. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. In religious belief and observance he is a Methodist.



WILLIAM H. CORDRAY, one of the leading farmers of Muhlenberg township, where he owns a well-improved farm of 100 acres, on the Florence Chapel turnpike, was born at Williamsport, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 24, 1850. His parents were Levi and Mary (Bateman) Cordray.

The Cordray family is of Scotch extraction, but has been established in Ohio through several generations. Levi Cordray, father of our subject, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, and came to Circleville in its early days, when he was still a very young man. From Circleville

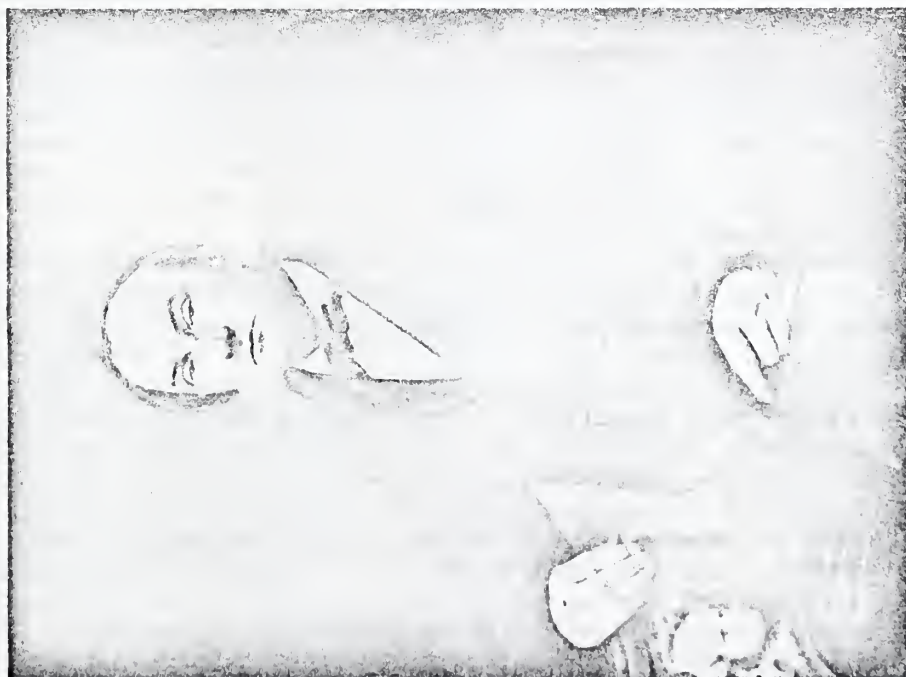
he enlisted for service in the Mexican War and served under Gen. Zachary Taylor, returning to Circleville after the close of the war. For many years he followed fence-making and made many miles of fencing throughout Pickaway County. Later in life he lived on a farm and died at the home of a daughter in Kingston, Ohio, in 1896, aged 89 years. Although he was an industrious man and made considerable money for his time, he never invested it in such a way as to bring him a competency. He was always interested in public matters. He was a strong Whig in youth, later becoming identified with the Republican party. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Levi Cordray married Mary Bateman, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and passed her whole life here, dying at the age of 60 years. Their children were: William H., of this sketch; James, a resident of Circleville township; George W., who resides in Muhlenberg township; Thomas, of Franklin County, Ohio; Ada Jane, wife of David Smith, of Kingston, Ohio; John, who died in infancy; and Margaret, who died aged nine years.

William H. Cordray was the oldest of his parents' family and on him fell many burdens when but a youth. He was 10 years old when his father settled on a small farm in Jackson township, Pickaway County, near Fox, and our subject remained in that township for some 16 years, and then moved to a farm in Pickaway township. About this time he was married. He then farmed rented land in Pickaway township for four years, after which he rented a farm near St. Paul, in Madison township, for four years and, later, a farm in Harrison township, for three years. He then made his first purchase of land, this being a small farm in Scioto township, near Commercial Point. After operating that for seven years, he was able to sell it to advantage and then purchased his present farm of 100 acres, in Muhlenberg township, 60 acres of which he cleared of scrubs. He settled here in 1891. He erected all the buildings now standing and has many plans for improving his place in the future. He devotes his whole time to the development of this



MRS. SARAH B. JOHNSON.




JAMES M. JOHNSON.

farm which has come into his possession entirely through his own efforts.

On September 17, 1873, Mr. Cordray was united in marriage with Anna McDonald, who was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Peter and Abarilla (Botts) McDonald, natives of Guernsey County, Ohio. The children born to this marriage are: Charles F., of St. Paul, Madison township, Pickaway County, who married and has four children—Elva Anna, Ruth Florence, Carra Marie and Carl Noaker; and Carra Dell, wife of Rev. Emanuel Reid, of Muskingum County, a minister of the Lutheran Church—they have one child, Anna Bell; Marshall Fleetwood, of Circleville township; and Palmer Lloyd.

Mr. Cordray has always been a Democrat and for three years he served as a justice of the peace. For seven years he was a member of the township Board of Education. He and his wife belong to Florence Chapel Presbyterian Church.

OMER VIRGIL JOHNSON, a substantial citizen and leading agriculturist of Scioto township, who owns and operates the old homestead farm of 300 acres, was born here in 1851 and is a son of James M. and Sarah C. (Briley) Johnson.

James M. Johnson was born in Maryland and was six years old when he accompanied his widowed mother to Hardin County, Ohio, where he remained until he was 17 years of age. In search of farm work he then came to Pickaway County and was employed by Jonathan Renick and it was while thus employed that he became acquainted with Sarah C. Briley, a native of Ohio, to whom he was married on April 28, 1842. He was born September 5, 1820, and died March 15, 1893. She was born May 20, 1827, and died June 11, 1893. They had 17 children, all of whom reached maturity with the exception of an infant that died December 19, 1868. The record of the others is as follows: Harriet, who married F. M. Beavers and died July 7, 1870;

Sarah Jane, who married James Rasor—both now deceased; Jonathan, born March 3, 1843, who married Sarah Clifton and is now deceased; William W., born November 3, 1844, who married Esther Beavers and resides in Scioto township; James M., born March 27, 1846, who married Mary Ann Beavers and lives in Scioto township; Marion F., born November 4, 1849, who resides with our subject on the old home farm; Homer V., of this sketch; Peter, born November 20, 1852, who married Martha Leach and later Alice Miller, both of his wives being now deceased; Mary E., born April 12, 1856, who married G. E. Neff, a merchant at Derby, Ohio; Lydia A., born January 17, 1858, who married Alex. Redman, of Columbus; Lucy A., born June 3, 1859, who is the widow of Austin Gochenouer and resides at Los Angeles, California; John D., born December 13, 1860, who married Flora Hudson and resides in Muhlenberg township; David, born August 28, 1862, who resides on the home farm; Priscilla, born December 4, 1864, who married Peter Redman and lives at Harrisburg, Franklin County, Ohio; Grant, born December 27, 1866, who married Margaret Winegarner and resides at Columbus; and Lillian, born December 12, 1869, who married William Beavers and lives in Scioto township.


Shortly after his marriage, James M. Johnson rented a part of what was then known as the Buckley farm, which he purchased in 1869. He made many improvements, one being the building of the present comfortable farm residence—a large nine-room house in which his many children spent a happy, healthy childhood. One feature is an old-fashioned fireplace, the like of which is seldom seen in later constructed buildings. It radiated good cheer on many festive occasions. The old house was so stanchly built that in the lifetime of Mr. Johnson it was sometimes facetiously declared that it was so tight that a window had to be opened when a draught was needed to make the fire burn. The home stands on an eminence that commands the surrounding country and the traveler along the Buckley road has no difficulty in singling out the beautiful old

Johnson home. Pausing at its hospitable entrance, a draught of sweet, cold water may be obtained, brought up from the rock bottom, from the old-fashioned well which recalls memories to everyone of the "Old Oaken Bucket."

Our subject came into possession of the old homestead at the death of his father and has always resided here. Formerly this land was included in Darby township, but is now situated in Scioto; it is bounded on the west and south by Darby Creek. It is thus well adapted to general farming and stock-raising and has always been considered a very valuable property, and under the Johnsons has been a very productive one.

In addition to his agricultural interests, Homer V. Johnson has been more or less concerned for years in all matters of importance that have required good citizenship in Scioto township. Since 1888 he has served his political party as central committeeman and for 24 years he has been a member of the township School Board, its chairman for 21 years, and is also one of the board of trustees of the Pickaway County Children's Home. From 1894 until 1897 he served as justice of the peace. Mr. Johnson is unmarried.

Portraits of the father and mother of the subject of this sketch are shown on a foregoing page.

 R. WILSON. The city of Circleville owes much of its prosperity to the responsible business firms which have given it standing; a leading one is that of Hoffman, Brown & Wilson, large dealers in stoves, hardware and house furnishings and engaged in sanitary plumbing. Of this firm J. R. Wilson is the junior member, a progressive, enterprising man of business. He was born in Hocking County, Ohio, in 1856, and was reared and educated at Logan. His father was Arthur Wilson, who was engaged in railroad contracting.

After completing his education, Mr. Wilson, under his father, engaged in railroad construction and became foreman of the workmen who built the Norfolk & Western Railway. He

filled this position one year and then spent one season with C. E. Sears & Company, following which he was clerk for the C. A. Helwagen grocery house for three and a half years. In 1881 Mr. Wilson first became identified with the hardware line, entering the employ of Hoffman & McMullen. Here he continued for 11 years and when Mr. McMullen retired he bought a third interest in the business, and the firm style of Hoffman, Brown & Wilson was adopted, the other members of the firm being L. H. Hoffman and K. J. Brown, Mr. Wilson being the general manager of the store and collector. This house is one of the firmly established ones at Circleville and has large trade connections and a generous patronage from the city and its environs.

About 1878 Mr. Wilson was married to Kate Will, who is a daughter of Robert Will, who was formerly manager of a woolen mill at Circleville. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three children, viz: Charles R., of Columbus, Ohio; Helen, wife of Albert Wolf, of Circleville; and Lyall, who lives at home. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Circleville.

Fraternally Mr. Wilson is prominent in the Knights of Pythias, being chancellor commander of Philos Lodge, No. 64. He belongs also to the Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America.



ALTER M. GRAY, a prominent farmer and dairyman, proprietor of the "Circle City Dairy," at Circleville, and the owner of the old homestead farm of 160 acres in Washington township, Pickaway County, was born in 1851 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of George W. and Maria J. (Eaton) Gray.

The father of Mr. Gray was born near Washington, District of Columbia. He learned the blacksmith's trade but later became a farmer in Fairfield County, Ohio. He married Maria J. Eaton, who was born and reared in Fairfield County. They had seven daughters

and two sons born to them, viz.: Walter M.; Lida, wife of J. Hes, residing near Logan. Hocking County; Jennie, wife of Lyman Doner, of Union County, Ohio; Lydia, wife of O. C. Drum, living on the old farm; Emma, of Washington, D. C.; Ida, wife of George Wirtman, of Washington township; and Allen, Delilah and Anna, all deceased. During our subject's infancy the family moved to Washington township, Pickaway County.

Walter M. Gray was reared on his father's farm in Washington township and attended the country schools. After his marriage in 1875, Mr. Gray engaged in farming in Pickaway township until January 1, 1904, when he moved to Circleville and embarked in a dairy business. He purchased first the Fosnaugh dairy and later the Marfield dairy and consolidated the two under the title of the "Circle City Dairy." He keeps from 40 to 50 dairy cows and does the largest business in Circleville in this line.

In 1875 Mr. Gray was married to Emma Drum, who is a daughter of William Drum, who was one of the early settlers of Salt Creek township. They have one son, Pearl, who is associated with his father in the dairy business. On May 24, 1902, Pearl married Nettie Waite, of Kingston, Ohio. They have one child, Donald, born May 28, 1905, and reside with our subject.

LEWIS R. LESHER, a much esteemed citizen of Salt Creek township, whose well-improved farm comprises 400 acres, was born September 12, 1839, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah A. (Reber) Leshner.

No family of German extraction stands higher in public esteem in old Berks County, than does that of Leshner and many of its members own rich farms in that section of Pennsylvania. There Samuel Leshner was born, as was his wife, and there their peaceful lives were spent, the old farm supporting a large family.

Lewis R. Leshner was a young man of 23 years of age when he came to Pickaway Coun-

ty from his native State. He had been well educated in the public schools and for three years had been a clerk for his uncle, William Leshner, in the latter's store, but the confinement injured his health, and it was with the hope of restoring the same by a life in the open air, that Mr. Leshner took up farming in Salt Creek township. His anticipations were realized and, although years of hard work were necessary, Mr. Leshner, at the age of 67 years, not only enjoys excellent health, but has also acquired one of the largest and best farms in the township. This land is well cultivated and produces large crops of wheat, corn and hay, and good stock—horses, cattle and hogs—are also produced.

On August 2, 1863, Mr. Leshner was married to Mary Lutz, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Hon. Samuel Lutz, formerly a justice of the peace, who represented Pickaway County in the State Legislature. Samuel Lutz was a pioneer of Salt Creek township and one of its most prominent citizens. He was one of the early surveyors and made many of the surveys through the county. He lived to the age of 101 years and 6 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Leshner have three children, viz.: Samuel H., Charles and Elizabeth—all residing in Salt Creek township.

Politically Mr. Leshner is a Republican. He has served both as trustee and as treasurer of Salt Creek township, performing all the duties of these offices with due efficiency. He is one of the leading members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Whisler, of which he is a deacon, a trustee and for some years has been treasurer. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Adelphi, Ohio.

JOHAN H. ZEHRUNG, one of the best-known business citizens and old residents of Tarlton, who has been commercially engaged here for over half a century, was born at Tarlton, December 10, 1832, and is a son of Peter and Catherine (Holsman) Zehrung and grandson of Jacob Zehrung.

The Zehrung family, from its orthography, probably originated in Switzerland, emigrating from there at a very early day to Pennsylvania. The father and grandfather of our subject established the family in Salt Creek township when this section was but a great wilderness. The names of Jacob and Peter Zehrung appear in the records as pioneers. Peter Zehrung died in 1837, aged 43 years.

John H. Zehrung, who was left fatherless in his boyhood, was reared at Tarlton or in the near vicinity, attended the early schools, and while still young began through his own industry to provide for himself. When 18 years of age he became clerk for Eli Creager, who at that time kept the leading general store at Tarlton, and worked for him for five years. Mr. Zehrung then became a manufacturer and dealer in tinware and stoves, having James Sanderson in partnership with him for a time, the firm name being Sanderson & Zehrung. Since the death of Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Zehrung has continued alone in the business. Through his industry and business integrity he has been amply successful, and, although he started out with no capital, he is now considered one of the town's substantial men. He owns a farm of 86 acres in Fairfield County, and another, of 80 acres, in Hocking County.

On January 1, 1855, Mr. Zehrung was married to Maria S. Kraft, who was born May 8, 1837, in Pickaway County, Ohio. They have three children, viz.: Elizabeth C., wife of S. S. Spring, of Roseville, Ohio; Samuel P., a resident of Roseville; and Mary C., wife of D. W. Macklin, a well-known teacher in the public schools, residing not far from Tarlton, in Fairfield County.

Mr. Zehrung is identified with the Republican party and has had great confidence shown him by his political organization, having been elected by it treasurer of Salt Creek township for 11 consecutive years. Formerly he was very active in the lodge of Odd Fellows at Tarlton, of which he was treasurer for 30 years, and still takes a deep interest in the order to which he has belonged since 1854. He is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church at Tarlton and is one of the elders. Mr. Zeh-

rung is held in very high esteem by his fellow-citizens and his relations with them are those of cordiality and good will.



GEORGE E. DRESBACH, one of the best known citizens of Pickaway township, engaged in farming and raising stock, was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, December 9, 1847, and is a son of William and Margaret (Earnhart) Dresbach.

The Dresbach family came to America from Germany at a very early day, settling first in Pennsylvania. Many of the name can yet be found there among the solid, substantial citizens. George Dresbach, the grandfather of George E., was born there and was the pioneer in Ohio, coming just after his service in the War of 1812. He located in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, and here his son, William Dresbach, was born and reared. The latter followed farming all his life and died at the age of 65 years. Eight of his children are still living, namely: James A., Mary (Coombs), George E., Harriet (Julian), Milton, Catherine (Reichelderfer), Amanda (Shride) and Scott.

George E. Dresbach was reared and educated in Salt Creek township. He has always been interested in agricultural pursuits and owns a fine farm of 166 acres in Pickaway township, which he has developed into a valuable property. In addition to general farming, he is known as one of the leading stock-raisers of the section. For the past 15 years Mr. Dresbach has also followed the business of an auctioneer and has established such a reputation that he has calls all over Ohio and even from Indiana and Illinois.

On Christmas Day, 1871, Mr. Dresbach was married to Julia Parcels, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of William Parcels, who is a resident of Leistville, Pickaway County. His children are: Homer, of Leistville; James, of Salt Creek township; Hannah, wife of B. F. Stevens, of Ludlow, Illinois; and

Julia, who is the wife of Mr. Dresbach. Mr. Parcells is now in his 84th year. He was one of the early settlers in Salt Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Dresbach have these children: Emanuel, of Tarlton, Ohio; Pearl, Delano and Homer, all residents of Indiana; Fannie, widow of Shelby Stage, of Circleville; Lewis, of Indiana; and Snow, who resides at home.

Mr. Dresbach is one of the leading Republicans of his section. He has been his party's chosen candidate for county commissioner and served six years as township trustee, during the whole of this period being president of the board. For three consecutive years he also served as township assessor. He is a man of standing in his community and enjoys the confidence of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Dresbach keeps thoroughly posted on all local affairs and is ever ready to cast his influence in the direction of movements assuring better school facilities, better roads and better agricultural conditions.

E SENSENBRENNER, one of the well-known business men of Circleville, was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1876, and is a son of Andrew Sensenbrenner, who removed with his family from Ross County to Circleville in 1882 and has resided here ever since.

E. Sensenbrenner was reared and educated at Circleville and at the age of 15 years entered the jewelry establishment of H. P. Lorbach, with whom he remained for four years, completing his trade. In 1895 he embarked in the jewelry business at Circleville on his own account, beginning in an humble way and gradually expanding as custom increased, until now he conducts one of the finest jewelry stores in Circleville, handling fine jewelry, gems and silver. He also keeps a line of the leading talking machines, with up-to-date records and his enterprise is shown in his displaying over his place of business the first and only electric sign in the city. He deserves his evident success for he has won recognition through thor-

oughness, perseverance and business courtesy.

Mr. Sensenbrenner was married in May, 1901, to Anna Lanna, of Hocking County, Ohio. They have three children, viz.: Maynard, Marion and Helen.

Mr. Sensenbrenner is a member of the German Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Circleville Athletic Club and the Circleville Business Men's Association.



MRS. ELIZABETH A. ALLEN, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Salt Creek township, residing on her well-cultivated farm of 200 acres, was born November 19, 1844, in this township, and belongs to two of the old and well-established families of this section. Her parents were Peter and Anna (Saylor) Warren.

Peter Warren, father of Mrs. Allen, was a son of Tillman Warren, who came at a very early date to Ohio and settled in Salt Creek township where the family has been prominent ever since. Peter Warren and his wife were both born in Salt Creek township, where they spent the whole of their lives.

Elizabeth A. Warren was reared in her parents' home in her native township and was educated in the neighboring schools. On September 11, 1872, she was united in marriage with Hiram Allen, who was born November 12, 1838, in Salt Creek township, where he died July 28, 1896. In his death this community lost an excellent citizen. He was a man of sterling character, a kind husband and father, a good neighbor and a liberal supporter of schools and churches. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By industry and good management, he acquired a large farm and thus provided well for his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen had three children, viz.: John Eddie, Charles W. and Wilbur P., the two last named being deceased. John Eddie Allen married Grace R. Hummel, who was born in Salt Creek township, and they have one daughter, Doris E., Mrs. Allen's only

grandchild. Mrs. Allen is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Whisler. She has a wide circle of friends.



LIFTON R. DREISBACH, deceased, belonged to one of the old pioneer families of Pickaway township, and for many years was a prominent citizen and leading farmer of the same.

He was born August 14, 1855, on what is known as "Lawndale Farm," in Pickaway township, on which his family still reside, and died there on April 14, 1896. He was a son of John E. and Mary (Reedy) Dreisbach, and a grandson of that pioneer settler and noted Evangelical preacher, Rev. John Dreisbach.

Rev. John Dreisbach was one of the founders of the Evangelical Association in Ohio, coming to the frontier as a zealous expounder of the faith in which he had been reared in Pennsylvania. He made his first home in what was then but a vast expanse of forest land in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, the site of which is the richly cultivated fields and attractive home now known as "Lawndale Farm." At this time the father of the late Clifton R. Dreisbach, John E. Dreisbach, was but a child and he was reared in the midst of the pioneer conditions then prevailing. His life was spent in the improvement and cultivation of the estate left him by his father. He died about 1864, when his son, Clifton R., was nine years old.

Clifton R. Dreisbach resided at "Lawndale Farm" until he was 14 years old, when he entered the home of his uncle, Martin E. Dreisbach, then a farmer in Pickaway township and now a resident of Circleville, with whom he remained until he was 20 years of age. He was educated in the local schools and the Ohio Wesleyan University and developed into a young man of mental strength and personal worth. His subsequent life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. At the time of his death his estate aggregated 634 acres of well-cultivated land, 320 acres of this comprising "Lawndale Farm," while two other farms ag-

gregated 314 acres. Mrs. Dreisbach and son still occupy the old homestead.

On February 7, 1878, Clifton R. Dreisbach, was married to Lina L. Hitler, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Abraham and Eleanor (Morris) Hitler, both parents being natives of this county. The Hitler family settled very early in Washington township, Pickaway County, and has many prominent members throughout the county. Mrs. Dreisbach has but one sister, Mary A., who is the wife of Benjamin F. Dreisbach, of Circleville township. Mrs. Dreisbach is a member of the Evangelical Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreisbach had four children, namely: Marvin H., a prominent and popular citizen of Pickaway township, who is now serving as township treasurer; John E.; Harry R. and Shirley M., all concerned in the management and operation of the family estate.

In political sentiment, the late Clifton R. Dreisbach was a staunch Republican. He was a citizen who possessed the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens and worthily represented the fine old family from which he sprung.



E. CRIST, senior member of the firm of Crist & Mason, proprietors of one of the largest mercantile houses at Circleville, was born in this city in 1863, and is a son of Nicholas and Susan (Smith) Crist.

Nicholas Crist was born on the shore of the Rhine, in Germany, and died, an old and respected man, at Circleville, Ohio, in 1870. He came to Circleville in 1836 and established himself in business and made this place his permanent home. He married Susan Smith, who was also a native of Germany. They had nine children born to them, the survivors being: Sophronia, of Circleville; Henry, of Circleville; George, of Walnut township; Mary, wife of Joshua Glick, of Walnut township; Elizabeth, wife of Milt Morris, a prominent attorney at Circleville; Carrie, wife of E. L. Howard, of Columbus; Charles, and W. E., of this sketch. Margaret, the eldest daughter,

is deceased; she was the wife of Christian Schwartz, of Circleville.

W. E. Crist was reared and educated at Circleville and his whole business life has been spent here. Leaving school he became connected with the dry goods house of Wallace & Schleyer, remaining there for three and a half years, and was then associated with Joseph Wallace until 1893. At that time, in partnership with Frank Mason, he embarked in a dry goods business, and the present large enterprise was inaugurated. The firm of Crist & Mason are leaders in the line of dry goods, carpets, millinery and house furnishing goods in Circleville, conducting the leading department store here. For some five years Mr. Crist was interested in the furniture business with E. L. Howard and thoroughly understands the handling of all the commodities offered to the public in his great store.

In 1887 Mr. Crist was married to Kate Mason, who is a daughter of John F. Mason, who for years was a prominent grocer here. Mr. Mason still survives at the age of 84 years, one of the city's venerable citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Crist have one son, Joseph Wallace, who is employed in the store, a promising young merchant. Their only daughter, Helen F., died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Crist enjoy the comforts of one of the finest homes in the city, which is situated on North Court street. The family belong to Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Crist is interested in the Circleville Improvement Company. He is one of the leading, enterprising, public-spirited men of affairs of the city.

HARRY DAVIS KRAFT, a substantial farmer of Circleville township, residing on the old Stevenson farm of 155 acres, was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 15, 1865, and is a son of Horace and Mary (Powell) Kraft.

Horace Kraft was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas Kraft, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Pickaway

County and settled in Pickaway township, where he owned a farm of 190 acres. He also owned 400 acres in Madison County, Ohio. He had five children and before his death he sold the 400 acres in Madison County and bought 125 acres near Dayton, Ohio, which with the 190 acres previously mentioned he divided among his five children. Horace Kraft was reared and educated in Pickaway County and was the owner of 83 acres of farm land. He is now living in Circleville.

Harry D. Kraft was reared and educated in Pickaway County. He was married in 1892 to Ella Wilkins, a daughter of David Wilkins. They have three children, all living: Creaton, Turney and Claude. Mr. Kraft comes of a fine old family and has a wide acquaintance throughout the county. He is always interested in public works which tend toward the advancement of his community. He is a member of the Evangelical Association and has held all the offices in the church to which he is eligible. Politically he is a Democrat.

GEORGE B. THOMPSON, one of the prominent attorneys at Columbus, Ohio, with offices at Nos. 606-607 New First National Bank Building, belongs to one of the oldest families of Pickaway County and owns a valuable farm of 115 acres in Walnut township. He was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 3, 1862, and is a son of Thomas and Frances E. (Pratt) Thompson, both of whom were born and reared in Scioto township, this county.

His paternal grandfather, also named Thomas Thompson, was a Scotch-Irishman who moved from Western Pennsylvania to Ohio and settled in Scioto township, Pickaway County, about the time Ohio was admitted to the Union.

His maternal grandfather, Elias Pratt, came from Virginia to Ohio and settled in Pickaway County shortly after Ohio became a State.

George B. Thompson obtained his educa-



tion in the country schools, the graded school at South Bloomfield, the State Normal School at Terre Haute, Indiana, and the Ohio State University. He taught school for several years in the northern part of the county.

He was nominated by the Democratic county convention in August, 1896, for the office of clerk of courts and at the ensuing election in November was elected by a large majority over his Republican opponent. He was re-elected in the year 1899, receiving a larger majority than he did in 1896. He served two terms of three years each and because his successor, elected in 1902, did not qualify for the office he held over one year additional, making seven years in all that he served as clerk of courts.

While in the clerk's office, he studied law and after the expiration of his terms of office he attended the law school of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, graduating in June, 1905. On the 27th of the same month he was admitted to the practice of the law and on the 1st of October, 1905, he opened a law office at Columbus.

Mr. Thompson is a Knight Templar Mason and belongs to all the Masonic bodies at Circleville.



MAHLON MEYERS, a well-known resident of Stoutsville, Fairfield County, and formerly one of Pickaway County's most extensive farmers, owns a large amount of valuable land, 320 acres of which are included in a farm in Washington township and an acre and a half in the village of Stoutsville, on which is his home. He also owns the old S. K. Valentine farm of 161 acres, located in Fairfield County, all fine farming land. Mr. Meyers was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 6, 1841, and is a son of George M. and Maria (Speacht) Meyers.

George M. Meyers was born in Pennsylvania, where the family name is well known, especially in the southeastern part of the State. He was a lad of 11 years when he accompanied

his father, George Meyers, to Fairfield County, Ohio. They settled first in Clear Creek township but later removed to Walnut township, Pickaway County, and later to Washington township.

Mahlon Meyers was a child of two years when his parents settled in Washington township and he was reared on the family farm and attended the country schools. He made the homestead his place of residence until 1900, when he purchased a desirable site in Stoutsville, a well-located tract of an acre and a half, on which he erected his comfortable dwelling, in which he has since resided.

In 1864 Mr. Meyers was married to Mary A. Crites, who is a daughter of Levi Crites, of Clear Creek township, Fairfield County. They have four children, namely: Charles E.; Jeannette, wife of Rev. J. M. Wenrich; S. H., of Chicago; and W. O., of Washington township. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers are worthy members of the Reformed Church in which they have a wide circle of warm friends. Mr. Meyers has always voted with the Democratic party. He has always been interested in public matters and has been chosen for offices in the township and county on a number of occasions. He was one of the most careful and faithful trustees the township ever had and served through two terms as director of the County Infirmary. He is a man who is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens.



JACOB LUTHER HOOVER, a representative agriculturist of Walnut township, who resides on his excellent farm of 40 acres, which is situated in section 5, range 21, was born on his father's farm about a quarter of a mile south of his present residence, on December 30, 1852. He belongs to one of the pioneer families of this section, and is a son of Christian and Margaret (Tritch) Hoover.

The Hoover family came to Ohio from Virginia. The great-grandparents of Jacob L. Hoover were George and Martha Hoover, who were natives of the Old Dominion, where the



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greater part of their lives was spent. In age they joined their son Jacob in Ohio, where they died.

Jacob Hoover, the grandfather of Jacob L. Hoover, was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, and was the pioneer of the family in Ohio. He settled on a quarter-section of land in Walnut township, Pickaway County, to which he added other tracts; developed a farm here, but died at the early age of 47 years, on July 30, 1825. In Virginia he married Magdalena Ruhlman and when he came to Ohio they had two children.

Christian Hoover, son of Jacob and father of Jacob L. Hoover, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he died March 13, 1889, aged 77 years. He not only kept his father's farm intact but added to it and at the time of death owned 320 acres. He married Margaret Tritch, who was born and reared in Maryland. She died July 11, 1874, aged 53 years. Her father was William Tritch. Both her parents died in Maryland. Christian Hoover and wife had eight children, namely: Mrs. Emeline Knepper, who lives on a farm adjoining that of Jacob L. Hoover; Madison R., who married Malinda Robinson and resides at Columbus, Ohio; Willis E., who married Sophronia Noecker (now deceased) and resides in Ashville; Mrs. Nancy J. Strouse, who lives on part of the original farm; Jacob Luther; Peter E., who married Olive Scothorn and died in November, 1902; and Mary E. and Clara C., who live in Ashville.

Jacob L. Hoover was reared in Walnut township. After completing the district school course, in 1874 he went to the normal school at Worthington, Ohio, and for the following 16 years taught in Pickaway and Fairfield counties.

In 1877 Mr. Hoover was married to Mary Snyder, a daughter of Adam Snyder, of Fairfield County, and a granddaughter of Rev. Joseph A. Roof. She died in 1883. Mr. Hoover was married (second) to Emma J. Scothorn, on September 12, 1888. She is a daughter of Monroe Scothorn, of Pickaway County, and was born October 27, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have one child, Ira Morrison, who was born October 19, 1889.

Mr. Hoover is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at St. Paul, of which he is treasurer and in which he has been deacon and steward. He is one of the directors of the Reber Hill Cemetery. For three years he was president of the School Board of Walnut township.



THOMAS LUDWIG HITLER, one of the most prominent men in Pickaway County, who owns 608 acres of valuable farm land in Washington township, the residential property—of 214 acres—being located in section 27, was born in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 4, 1842, and is a son of George and Hannah (Ludwig) Hitler. A comprehensive account of the early history of the Hitler family is contained in the sketch of George W. Hitler, our subject's brother, which appears elsewhere in this work.

Thomas L. Hitler was reared and educated in Circleville township, and was married to Martha Lindsey, a daughter of John and Mary Lindsey. After his marriage, Mr. Hitler resided with his father in Circleville for a little over a year and then moved to his present home. Mr. Hitler's property is divided into three farms. The home farm, consisting of 214 acres, is all under cultivation with the exception of about eight acres of timberland. A portion of this farm was at one time owned by Mr. Hitler's father, Mr. Hitler adding 87 acres of land, which he purchased from Joseph Metzger and which was known as the Daniel Heffner farm. The residence which the family occupy is a fine large brick structure. The other two farms are both rented; one contains 227 acres and has a frame dwelling, while the other contains 167 acres and has a large brick house upon it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitler have had seven children, all of whom are living: Clay Lindsey, who lives on the home farm; Turney Gay, who lives in Idaho, where he is employed by the Northern Pacific Company; Grace, who lives at home; and George Thomas, Sterling, Mary and Martha.

Mr. Hitler is a Democrat in politics and

served two terms as township trustee. The family are attendants of the Lutheran Church. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Hitler accompany this sketch.

OTIS D. MADER, a representative business man of Circleville, a dealer in china, cut glass, silverware and wall-paper, is a native of this city, where he was born in 1873. He is a son of John F. Mader, Sr., who was one of the early settlers of this section and for years conducted a prosperous bakery business at Circleville.

Otis D. Mader began his business career as an employee of Wayne Caldwell, who conducted the leading china store in Circleville. He continued to be associated with Mr. Caldwell for 14 years and during this time learned the business in all its details. In 1899 Mr. Mader purchased Mr. Caldwell's stock and removed it from the First National Bank Building to his present location at No. 109 East Main street in the I. O. O. F. Block. He carries a very superior stock of china, cut glass, silverware and wall-paper. Mr. Mader is progressive and enterprising and enjoys excellent patronage.

WILLIAM ROTH, one of the capitalists of Pickaway County, who owns considerable farming land and a large amount of real estate in Circleville, including the American House, which is a very fine hotel, has resided here since 1872. He was born in July, 1849, in Germany, and is a son of George E. and Lizetta Roth.

Mr. Roth was seven years of age when his parents came to America and located at Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio. There he was reared and went to school and later learned the tanning business. In 1872 his father bought the old Jackson tannery at Circleville and operated it with the help of his sons, until his death in 1874. For two succeeding years our subject and his brother Albert operated the tannery, under the firm name of William Roth &

Brother, and then Albert sold his interest to another brother, George E., and the business was continued under the name of Roth Brothers. They carried on the business until 1899, tanning 150 hides a week and giving employment to 18 hands. They then retired from the tanning business, each having large outside interests to look after.

In 1876 Mr. Roth was united in marriage with Carrie Mills, who was born at Zanesville, Ohio, and who died in the fall of 1897. Two children survive her—Anna and Louise. The latter is an accomplished musician and has spent three years in Europe in study at Berlin and purposes to spend one more year at Prague, where she is at present. Her specialty is the violin. The people of Circleville are very much interested in her success as many remember her as a little maiden, playing a violin in the church at Circleville, when not more than six years of age. By those qualified to give an opinion, her talent is regarded as remarkable. In politics, Mr. Roth is a Republican.

JYMAN P. MOODY, one of the representative farmers and first-class citizens of Madison township, Franklin County, Ohio, who is identified with all the public-spirited enterprises of this locality, resides on his well-improved farm of 112 acres, 92 of which are situated in Madison township, Pickaway County, and 20 acres, on which is his handsome residence and other buildings, in Madison township, Franklin County. Mr. Moody was born March 5, 1855, in Pickaway County, and is a son of James H. and Hannah (Bowman) Moody.

James H. Moody was born in Maryland and accompanied his parents when he was a boy to the Pickaway Plains, Pickaway County. Later he removed to Walnut township, where he was an early settler, and died there in 1884. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Hannah Bowman, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio. The following children of this marriage are still living: Benjamin F., of Westerville, Ohio; Alice, wife of Alfred

Shrock, of Westerville; Lyman P., of this sketch; Dora B., wife of William McCrumb, of Circleville; and Cynthia V., wife of Clement Beem, of Columbus. The parents of our subject were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were highly respected residents of the community.

When Lyman P. Moody was about 12 years of age, he suffered the loss of his beloved mother and after this he made his home with the family of John Boggs, in Pickaway township, remaining there until he had reached his majority. He secured an excellent education, attending the public schools and the academy at Kingston, Ohio, and was trained in practical farming by Mr. Boggs, a well-known and successful agriculturist.

Mr. Moody was married (first) to Martha J. Cromley, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio. They had one daughter, Martha J., who is now deceased. Mr. Moody married (second) Catherine Knight, who was also a native of Pickaway County, Ohio; She is survived by two sons—John G., the well-known teller of the Groveport (Ohio) Bank, and William C., living at home. Mr. Moody married (third) Ida M. Zwayer, who was born in Madison township and is a daughter of Enos Zwayer, a substantial farmer of this township. Mr. Moody has always been affiliated with the Democratic party.

ADDISON LYMAN STUMP, M. D., a practicing physician in Darby township, who is also a farmer and educator, belongs to an old pioneer family of this section. Dr. Stump was born on the old Glasscock farm in Darby township, Pickaway County, December 21, 1861, and is a son of Alfred and Margaret (Glasscock) Stump.

The Stump family originated in Germany and during the life time of our subject's great-grandfather the name was spelled in the old German way, Stumpf, but the younger generations discarded the final letter. It was the great-grandfather who was the emigrant to America—he settled in Pennsylvania, where his son William was born. The latter came to

Ohio in young manhood and settled in Pickaway County, where he followed the trade of a blacksmith, but later bought what is now known as the Ballah farm. He married Susan Myers and they had three children—Mary, Caroline and Alfred. Mary married Peter Myers and they had four children—Solomon, Frank, Ella and Carrie; Caroline married James Cunningham, a native of Canada, and they had six children—Belle, Alfred, Jane, Edith, Anna and James.

Alfred Stump, the only son of William Stump and the father of our subject, was born on the old Ballah farm near Darby Creek in Pickaway County, Ohio. In young manhood he married Margaret Glasscock, who was a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Leach) Glasscock. The Glasscock family is another of the old and prominent ones of the early days of settlement in this locality. John Glasscock brought his family in a covered wagon from Virginia to Ohio at an early day, later moved to Missouri, then went back to Virginia, but subsequently returned to Ohio and purchased the fine old property in Pickaway County still known as the Glasscock farm. There were nine children in the Glasscock family, many of whom became connected by marriage with other old and well-established families of the county. They were as follows: Mary, deceased at the age of 13 years; Newton, who with his wife, Mary Jane Caldwell, is now deceased; Warren, who married Virginia Glasscock, a cousin, and lives in Missouri; Margaret, our subject's mother; Sarah, who married Darius Shockley; Martha, who married Rev. Robert W. Peters, a minister of the Baptist Church; Thornton, who married Frances Rush and is engaged in farming in Darby township; Alice, wife of Richard R. Leach, of Darby township; and William. The last named was the only member of the family born in Ohio, all the rest having been born in Virginia. He married Ella Ballah, daughter of James and Mary Ballah. Mrs. Margaret Stump, our subject's mother, was born in Virginia, April 16, 1839, and still survives. She came with her parents to Ohio, where she subsequently married Alfred Stump.

The children of Alfred Stump and wife

were: Joseph, who died in infancy; John W., who died aged 36 years, being at the time county surveyor of Pickaway County; Mary; Charles N., who married Harriet Snyder; Jessie; Clara; and Addison Lyman.

Addison Lyman Stump was the first born of his parents' family. They were in comfortable enough circumstances to afford him liberal educational advantages and after completing the local common-school course, he entered the National Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1883. At that time this institution was one of note and its standard of study was high—its graduates can now be found all over the world. Dr. Stump remained there through 1883, 1884 and a part of 1885. He then began to teach school and followed this profession, more or less continuously as his studies and duties permitted, until 1893, when he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, where he was graduated March 26, 1896. He has continued in the practice of his profession ever since, although he does not devote his entire time to it. From 1897 until 1900 he engaged in teaching in Madison County and also assumed the management of a farm which he owned jointly with his brother, who died in 1900. After this event, Dr. Stump managed the property alone until 1903, when he sold it and bought another farm, near Derby, but this he retained only a short time. He then returned to his mother's farm and now makes this his home, the family circle including also the venerable mother and his two sisters, Mary and Clara. Dr. Stump still teaches occasionally, having had charge of the Robtown school during 1894-95. He is now most efficiently filling the office of assistant superintendent of the Derby High School and since September 1, 1903, has been a county school examiner.

LEVY S. CRITES, one of the highly respected residents of Circleville, a retired farmer of Fairfield County, was born in that county in 1835 and belongs to a pioneer family of that section. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Stapleton) Crites.

Samuel Crites was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1808. The country was then practically a wilderness and he was one of the first settlers. At the time of his death he owned 400 acres of fine land and was one of the substantial and prominent men of Fairfield County. He followed both farming and blacksmithing. He married Mary Stapleton and they reared a family of three daughters and one son. The survivors are Levi S., of this sketch, and his sister, Caroline, who married O. Brown, of Fairfield County.

Levi S. Crites was reared and educated in Fairfield County and his interests were centered there until 1890, when he moved to Circleville. He still retains a fine farm of 200 acres in Fairfield County. After coming to this city, he engaged in a milling business until about four years since, retiring then from active life.


In 1859 Mr. Crites was married to Mary Heffner and they had two children, viz.: E. B., deceased, and H. M. The latter is one of the leading grain dealers of Circleville.

The late E. B. Crites was born in 1864 in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He remained with his father until the age of 18 years and then embarked in the milling business with his brother, H. M. Crites, under the firm name of Crites Brothers & Company. This was the largest grain buying and milling firm in Circleville. Later he became interested in the canning business and the brothers became half owners of the C. E. Sears Canning Company, operating the largest canning factory in the world. He was a very successful, judicious business man. On November 19, 1895, he was married to Ella Stein, who is a daughter of David Stein, one of the leading men of the county. She still survives, with their one son, Elliott Elsworth. Mr. Crites was a very popular man and he was considered one of the most successful in Pickaway County. In February, 1899, he was taken seriously ill and passed away in two days.

Mrs. Mary (Heffner) Crites died some six years since, her death being occasioned by an accident with a runaway team. She was much beloved by her family and all those with whom

she was acquainted and her tragic death was a great shock to the community. She was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church.

On October 22, 1901, Mr. Crites was united in marriage to Millie Riegel, of Fairfield County, Ohio. They reside at their home, No. 416 East Main street. Mr. Crites is a member of the German Reformed Church.


 L. HEIM, whose well-cultivated farm of 47 acres, situated in section 24, Madison township, demonstrates his excellence as a farmer, is also one of the leading citizens of this locality. He was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 22, 1861, and is a son of Daniel and Susan (Spade) Heim.

The Heim family, which is of German extraction, settled in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, at a very early day and the Heims of Pickaway County came from there. Daniel Heim was 10 years old when he accompanied his father, Peter Heim, to this part of Ohio, and the family have resided in Walnut, Washington and Madison townships ever since, except one year spent in Union and Madison counties, Ohio. Daniel Heim followed farming all his life and died Feb. 2, 1905. He married Susan Spade, who was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and their surviving children are: Mary A., wife of H. S. Smith, of Fairfield County; E. L.; and Ivy E., wife of Walter Cole, of Fairfield County. The mother of these children did not long survive the father, dying on May 4, 1905.

E. L. Heim was but an infant when his parents removed to Washington township, where he lived to the age of 14, when the family moved for a short time to Union and Madison counties, but soon returned to Walnut township, Pickaway County, and subsequently settled, about 1878, in Madison township, where both parents died. E. L. Heim was reared in Madison township mainly, attending school wherever the family lived, and completed his education at the Lithopolis High School. For several subsequent years he

taught school in Fairfield, Pickaway and Hocking counties, where he is remembered as a very competent educator. His farm of 47 acres is favorably located and under his management is very productive.

Mr. Heim was married December 25, 1888, to Hattie R. Dumond, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 10, 1867, and is a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth (Francis) Dumond. John W. Dumond was born in Ohio and is now a resident of Franklin County; his wife was born in Ohio and died December 14, 1905. When small, Mrs. Heim accompanied her parents to Ross County, where she was reared and was married. Mr. and Mrs. Heim have had three children, viz.: Ada M., Ralph D. and William H. (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Heim are both members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison township, in which Mr. Heim has served on the official board. He takes a deep interest in the proper management of the public schools and is serving as school director in his district. In politics he is a Democrat. He is one of the township's honorable, upright men, a useful and representative citizen.

 ILLISON LEIST, a retired farmer now making his home in Circleville, was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 8, 1836, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Row) Leist.

Jacob Leist was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of Andrew Leist, who came to Ohio in Jacob's boyhood and entered land in Pickaway County. Here Jacob Leist was reared, becoming in later years a man of prominence in his locality. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He married Catherine Row, who belonged to an old pioneer family that also came from Pennsylvania. They reared three children, viz.: Amos, deceased; George, of Washington township; and Willison of this sketch.

Willison Leist was reared on his father's farm and remained at home until he married, when he bought 76 acres of good land and be-

gan farming on his own account. Later he added to his first purchase and now owns 106 acres in Washington township. This land he improved with good buildings and upon it the family resided until 1897, when they moved into Circleville. Mr. Leist is known as a careful, scientific farmer and stock-raiser and, although he is retired from active labor, he still looks after the farm interests as of old.

Mr. Leist was married in 1858 to Sophia Reichelderfer, a daughter of William Reichelderfer, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and died in March, 1903, at the age of 86 years. He was a son of John Reichelderfer, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio by wagon at a very early day. The Reichelderfers were all prosperous people, great farmers and stock-raisers. The mother of Mrs. Leist was Sarah Davis, who was born in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of Richard Davis, a pioneer settler of Pickaway County. Mrs. Leist was one of a family of nine children, the survivors being: Enos, of Circleville; John, of Washington township; William, of Washington township; Louis, of Circleville; Sophia Mrs. Leist); Sarah, wife of William Wolf, of Stoutsville; and Susan, wife of Henry Frankfelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leist have two sons: Charles H., a farmer of Clear Creek township, Fairfield County, Ohio; and Harley, of Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Leist are members of the Evangelical Church, of whose official board the former is a member. He has always taken a good citizen's interest in politics and has consistently supported the Democratic party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The family reside at No. 313 East Mound street.



WILLIAM ALLEN, a trustee of Salt Creek township, and one of its substantial farmers, owning 117 acres of well-cultivated land in section 20, near Whisler, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, July 12, 1837. His parents were John and Nancy (Willard)

Allen, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Pennsylvania.

William Allen was about 12 years of age when his parents removed from Muskingum to Hocking County, and there he was reared as a farmer, obtaining his education in the district schools. In 1860 he came to Pickaway County and for a number of years engaged in farming in Pickaway township. In 1885 he settled on his present farm in Salt Creek township, a fine property which is owned jointly by himself and wife.

On July 24, 1873, Mr. Allen was married to Jennie N. Warren, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, December 21, 1854, and is a daughter of Thomas and Pleasant (Newhouse) Warren. Her father was born in Salt Creek township and her mother in Pickaway township. Her paternal grandfather, Tillman Warren, was born in Maryland and was one of the earliest settlers in Salt Creek township. Mrs. Allen has one brother and one sister, viz.: Henry, of Salt Creek township; and Melissa E., wife of Isaac Rossiter, of Salt Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have had five children, viz.: Otto W. and Roy L., both residents of Salt Creek township; and Harry T., Wayne and Wilbur, who are deceased.

Mr. Allen is a Democrat in politics and on that ticket he was elected township trustee, an office he fills most efficiently. Mrs. Allen is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Whisler. Mr. Allen is one of the representative men of Salt Creek township and one of its best and most reliable citizens.



GEORGE S. REICHELDERFER, cashier of the Salt Creek Valley Bank, at Laurelville, Ohio, is one of the leading men of the southeastern section of Pickaway County and belongs to an old and substantial family. He was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 18, 1850, and is a son of Venus and Leannah (Mowery) Reichelderfer.

In Pennsylvania the Reichelderfer family was founded by early settlers from Germany,

and from there came Jacob S. Reichelderfer, the grandfather of George S., to Salt Creek township, at a very early time in its settlement. He was a son of John Reichelderfer, of Berks County, Pennsylvania. Venus Reichelderfer was also born in Berks County, and was a child when he came to Salt Creek township with his parents. He died in 1856.

George S. Reichelderfer was reared in his native township and after completing the district school course he spent two years at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and later attended Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was graduated in 1870. Subsequently he taught school in Pickaway and Fairfield counties and for some 25 years was known as one of the leading educators. He owns a farm of 220 acres in Salt Creek township, but resides at the pleasant town of Tarlton and gives the larger part of his attention to the affairs of the Salt Creek Valley Bank.

This financial institution was organized in January, 1901, and Mr. Reichelderfer has been its only cashier. The officers of this bank are these well-known capitalists: George D. Mowery, president; Milton Armstrong, vice-president; W. F. Armstrong, secretary; George S. Reichelderfer, cashier; and D. K. Wilson, assistant cashier. This bank was established on a sound basis and has been carefully and successfully conducted along conservative lines. It stands high in the confidence of the public.

On April 17, 1873, Mr. Reichelderfer was married to Lucy A. Housel, who was born in Pickaway County, and is a daughter of John A. Housel, a native of Pennsylvania. They have one son, John J., who is established at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Politically Mr. Reichelderfer is affiliated with the Democratic party. He has served two terms as treasurer of Salt Creek township, but his many other interests almost preclude office-holding. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Tarlton, where he owns a pleasant home and takes part in the social life of the town. He is very well known all over the county and enjoys universal esteem.



H. HELWAGEN, secretary of New Circleville Canning Company, of Circleville and Washington Court House, Ohio, was born in the former city in 1866, and is a son of C. A. Helwagen.

The father of Mr. Helwagen was born in Germany. In 1856 he came to Circleville, where he engaged first in a shoe business and then became a grocery merchant. For many years he conducted a first-class grocery in this city and was a respected and valued business man. He was a member of the City Council for 14 years and on several occasions was elected president of this body. He married Mary Kellstadt, who was also a native of Germany, and they had two children—J. H., and another son, who died in 1884.

J. H. Helwagen was reared and educated at Circleville. In 1889 he was married to Elizabeth Rudy, a daughter of the late Martin L. Rudy, who was an early settler and farmer in Pickaway County. They have these children: Carl, Walter, Mary, Elizabeth, Paul and Ida. The family belong to the Lutheran Church.

When a lad, J. H. Helwagen began to assist in his father's grocery store; later he was taken into partnership, the firm being C. A. Helwagen & Son. The father subsequently sold his interest to John C. Goeller and the firm became Helwagen & Goeller, which continued for 17 months, when our subject bought out his partner and conducted the business alone until the spring of 1904, when he sold his grocery interests as his entire time was required in looking after the canning business.

The New Circleville Canning Company was organized and incorporated September 21, 1901, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The officers and directors of the company are: Samuel W. Courtright, president; Irvin Boggs, vice-president; William T. Bell, treasurer; J. H. Helwagen, secretary and manager at Circleville; W. G. Jacob, W. A. Dern and Joseph M. Bell, of Circleville; B. K. Johnston, of Pickaway County; O. S. Smith, of Washington Court House; and Z. C. Shepherd, of London, Ohio. The company has plants at Circleville and Washington Court House. The factory at

Washington Court House is built of cement blocks and is one of the finest factory buildings in this section. The capacity of this plant is 2,000,000 cans of corn annually. The company also packs tomatoes and string beans at this point. About 500,000 cans of tomatoes are packed annually at the Circleville plant. The company's goods meet with a ready sale on account of their uniform excellence, and the business is in a very prosperous condition.



R. CLARKE, D. D. S., one of Circleville's leading professional men, where he has practiced dental surgery since 1871, was born in this city in 1849, and is a son of the late E. C.

Clarke, D. D. S.

Dr. E. C. Clarke was born in Connecticut and settled in 1840 at Circleville, Ohio, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1850 he entered upon the study of dentistry at the Ohio Dental College and was graduated in 1851. He at once opened an office in Circleville, where he continued in the active practice of his profession until 1890. His death occurred some six years later. For years he was at the head of his profession at Circleville.

After graduating from the Circleville High School, in 1866, our subject began preparatory study and in 1867 became a regular student in his father's office, later his father's assistant and during the next few years he attended and was graduated, in 1871, at the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery. Upon his return to Circleville he continued in partnership with his father until 1877, when he opened an office of his own. He has spacious apartments, which are perfectly equipped in all departments of dentistry and the most modern and approved methods are employed in the treatment of patients. Dr. Clarke is a member of the Ohio State Dental Society and keeps thoroughly in touch with all the improvements made in his profession.

In 1875 Dr. Clarke was married to Clara Barrere, who was born at Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, where her father, Benjamin

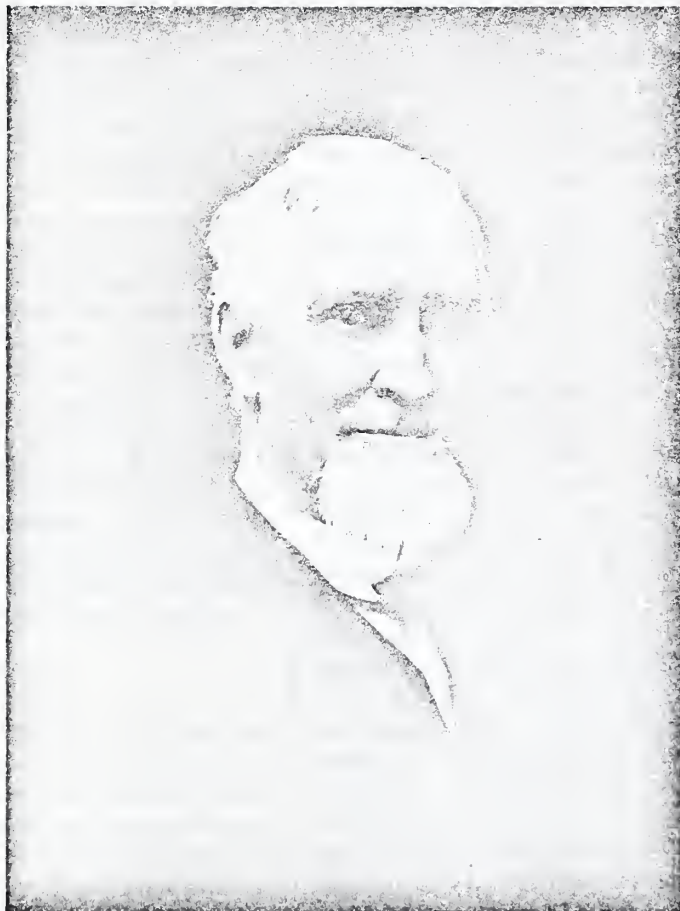
Barrere, was in the banking business. Dr. and Mrs. Clarke have three children, viz.: Abbe M., an accomplished musician, a graduate of the Ithaca (New York) Conservatory of Music; Grace B. and Harold, the latter a student in the Circleville High School. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Clarke is a trustee. He was actively interested in the building of the present church edifice. He is a man of some means and owns valuable property at Circleville. He built the Clarke Building, on West Main street, which is one of the city's best business structures, having a 22-foot front and a depth of 100 feet, and is three stories in height. He has done other building—all of it of the most substantial character.

Dr. Clarke is prominent in Masonry in the State, is a Knight Templar and is past master of his lodge and past eminent commander of his commandery. He is identified with all the best interests of Circleville and is one of the city's representative public-spirited men.



AMUEL M. SARK, a resident of Pickaway County for 35 years, one of its leading educators and at the present time superintendent of the schools of Darby township, is a son of Isaac and Mary (Marburger) Sark. Isaac Sark died in Walnut township, and the widow was afterward married to George A. Kashner, of Circleville. Four of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sark grew to maturity and are still living. They are as follows: John H., of Walnut township, who married Ann Markwood; Samuel M., our subject; William, of Scioto township, who married Julia Burton; and Charles, of Walnut township, who married Florence Martin.

Samuel M. Sark was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, February 11, 1865, and after thoroughly mastering the elementary and high school courses at home became a student at the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, graduating therefrom in the scientific and law departments. His record as a



WILLIAM T. BELL.

teacher was noteworthy from the first. From 1889 to 1892 he served as school examiner, and in 1893 he was granted a high school life certificate by the State board. In 1895 his Republican friends put him forward as a candidate for the State Senate, but he was defeated by Hon. Thaddeus E. Cromley, of Ashville. Mr. Sark has several times been elected township superintendent of schools, holding also a professorship in the Derby High School. He has given such eminent satisfaction, both as superintendent and teacher, that his educational career seems destined to be in the future even broader and more prominent than in the past. In the fraternities he is well known as a Mason and Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias.

In 1893 Samuel M. Sark was married to Mary B. Thomas, daughter of Newton Thomas, of this county, the other children of Mr. Thomas being two daughters—Minnie and Lora—and a son—Ralph. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Sark—Emmett, Bernice and Blanche, all living at home. All the members of the family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday-school. The comfortable family residence is in the village of Derby.



WILLIAM T. BELL, a highly esteemed resident of Circleville, and for many years a prominent farmer and stock-raiser in Jackson township, where he owns 600 acres of finely-improved land, was born in 1844, in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio. His parents were Hugh and Lavina (Renick) Bell.

Hugh Bell was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1815. He became one of Circleville's early merchants. He was at first a strong Whig, but later became identified with the Republican party. He never accepted a political office. He died at the home of his son, William T. Bell. He married Lavina Renick, who was a daughter of George Renick, a representative of one of the oldest families in the county.

William T. Bell was about six years of age when his parents moved to Ross County, Ohio,

and there he was reared, educated and trained to be a practical farmer. He followed farming and stock-raising in Ross County until 1869, when he bought a farm of 600 acres in Jackson township, Pickaway County, on which he resided until 1898, when he moved to Circleville. Mr. Bell directed his agricultural efforts largely in the direction of raising first-class stock. At present he owns 25 head of the finest Short-horns in the county and it has been his custom to feed and ship several car-loads of fat cattle annually. He was very prominent in agricultural circles in Jackson township during his active years and still retains his property and also much of his old-time interest.

Mr. Bell was married (first) to Mary E. Miskimins, who was a daughter of Joseph Miskimins, of Ross County. Mrs. Bell died in 1891 survived by four children, viz.: Joseph M., who is connected with the Second National Bank of Circleville; Anna T., wife of Rev. George A. Wilber, a Presbyterian minister, located at Belgrade, Montana; N. H., a farmer of Fayette County, Ohio; and Jennie S., wife of Frank E. Robinson, cashier of the Northern Savings Bank, of Columbus. Mr. Bell was married (second) to Mrs. M. Catherine Miller, who is a daughter of Alexander Caldwell, of Jackson township.

In politics Mr. Bell is a Republican. He has always been a loyal supporter of the government. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, 86th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., for service in the Civil War, was mustered in at Camp Dennison and was discharged eight months later, in March, 1864, having served in Kentucky and Tennessee. He is a valued member of Groce Post, G. A. R., at Circleville. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. His portrait accompanies this sketch.



EDWARD THOMAS, one of the prosperous farmers of Scioto township, who owns a finely-cultivated farm of 90 acres, was born near LaFayette, Indiana, November 23, 1840, and is a son of John and Eliza Thomas.

When he was three years of age, the parents of Mr. Thomas moved to Pickaway County.

ty, Ohio, locating on the William Millar farm in Harrison township. A few years later removal was made to the Philip Renick farm and later the father settled on the John Ruth farm in Scioto township, where he died in 1857. The mother died in Pickaway County in 1860. Their family consisted of two sons and five daughters, namely: Reuben, who died suddenly while attending church, in Allen County, Kansas; Martha, who married Elihu Spencer and died in Scioto township; Percie, wife of Stephen Boyd, residing in Chillicothe, Missouri; Emma, wife of Lewis All, of Ford County, Illinois; and Maria, wife of William Reed, residing in Scioto township.

Mr. Thomas is a self-made man, from an early age depending upon his own resources. During 1856 and 1857 he worked for Robert Morrow, and in the latter year he went to Illinois, where he remained until 1859. Upon his return to Scioto township, he worked one year for B. F. Walker and until 1863 for M. L. Walker. After his marriage in the latter year he settled on the Conrad Bohnert farm. There Mr. Thomas farmed for two years and in 1865 removed to the Walker homestead where he engaged in farming for two years. Then, in association with Mr. Walker, he bought the old Thompson farm and lived on it for six years, after which he sold that property to Mr. Walker and settled, in 1871, on his present valuable farm.

This 90-acre property was known as the Myers Reed farm, Mr. Thomas securing it through several business transactions and transfers of land. It is a valuable farm and Mr. Thomas has placed it in excellent condition. He grows corn, wheat and hay and raises considerable stock. Almost entirely through his own efforts, Mr. Thomas has attained to his present comfortable financial condition. When working for Mr. Morrow at \$8 and \$13 a month, he was provident enough to put some of his wages aside and gradually accumulated capital.

In 1863 Mr. Thomas was married (first) to Melissa D. Walker, who was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wertenbaker) Walker, of Scioto township. She died January 13, 1880, and rests in the Methodist Episcopal

Cemetery north of Commercial Point. To this marriage seven children were born, as follows: M. Lewis, born in 1864, residing on the Whitney Lamb farm, formerly the Ingle farm, who married Mintie McKinney, daughter of James McKinney, of Scioto township and has five children—Ray, Sarah, Edward, Clark and an infant; Ella, who is the wife of William Ryerson, of Muncie, Indiana, and the mother of four children—Cora, Margaret, Mary and Helen; Maud, who married N. C. Bohnert, auditor of Pickaway County, resides at Circleville and has had six children—Eddie (deceased), Melissa (deceased), Eldridge, Blandys Christina, Katheryn Ruth and a babe that died in infancy; Tessa, who married Albert Whitesel and died at Gibson City, Illinois, leaving one son, Scott, who resides with his grandfather, Mr. Thomas; Robert, who married Annie Rose and has one child, Orville; James, who married Josephine Graphis, daughter of Dock Graphis; and Jesse, who married Edna Welch, daughter of Frank Welch, of Ashville, and has one child—Myrtle.

In 1883 Mr. Thomas was married (second) to Margaret Reed, a daughter of William and Eveline Reed, of Scioto township. The children born to this marriage were: Guy and Gertrude (twins), the former of whom married Eugenia Briggs and resides at Gibson City, Illinois, and the latter of whom married Howard Bowlinger, of Ashville, and has one child, Harold; Clyde and Icy (twins), both deceased; and Belva, who is living at home.

Mr. Thomas was reared a Whig, later was a Republican but is now a supporter of the Democratic party in national elections. In local affairs he uses his judgment and supports the best man. He is a well-known, reliable and representative man of Scioto township.



F. REICHE, dealer in hardware, buggies, agricultural implements and farm seeds, has been in business at Circleville for the past 24 years, during which period he has built up a large trade. He was born in 1856, at Waverly, Ohio.

Mr. Reiche attended school at Waverly until he was 15 years of age and then accompanied the family in its removal to Columbus. With enlarged opportunities he continued his studies in mechanical drawing and learned the trade of machinist and for about 15 years he was connected with the Columbus Machine Company as a mechanical draughtsman.

In 1878 Mr. Reiche was married to Margaret D. Wardell, who is a daughter of William A. Wardell, of Circleville, in which city Mrs. Reiche was born and reared. They have one child—Ethel C.

In August, 1883, the death of his father-in-law called Mr. Reiche from Columbus to Circleville to take charge of the former's business and this he has continued to do ever since, assuming its responsibilities and enlarging it into one of the large concerns of the city. Mr. Reiche is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while Mrs. Reiche is a Catholic.

JAMES T. TIMMONS, a representative agriculturist of Perry township, has lived almost all his life on the old Timmons homestead, on which he was born December 27, 1860, and is a son of Benjamin and Marian Gladstone (Templin) Timmons. Extended mention of this prominent old family of this section of Ohio will be found in the sketch of Joseph Clark Timmons, appearing elsewhere in this work.

James T. Timmons obtained his education in the schools of Perry township and has given the close attention of many years to the developing and improving of the homestead farm. He spent one year on the old Dorn place and one year on the W. I. Wood place, in Deer Creek township, but with these exceptions his home has always been on the old farm. This is a valuable property and under Mr. Timmons' efficient management grows more and more valuable every year.

Mr. Timmons married Anna D. Yates, who is a daughter of Marcus and Angeline (Harrison) Yates, and a granddaughter of John Yates, who was a pioneer in Deer Creek township. On her mother's side she comes from

a family that has supplied two Presidents to the United States, while one of her ancestors signed that noble document, the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Timmons have these children: Carl M., connected with the Market Exchange Bank, at Columbus, who married Laura Kirkpatrick; Ralph B.; Pearl; Lyle; George Washington; and Marian C.

Politically, Mr. Timmons is a Republican, but he has never been very active in public affairs beyond performing the duties of a good citizen. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal associations are with the Masons, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Knights of Pythias.

ALONZO EUGENE WEAVER, whose well-improved farm of 50 acres of excellent land is situated in section 22, Walnut township, was born in Amanda township, Fairfield County, Ohio, January 19, 1852, and is a son of D. F. and Amanda (Cole) Weaver.

The parents of Mr. Weaver moved to Walnut township, Pickaway County, in 1855. In 1859 D. F. Weaver, our subject's father, established his store at a hamlet which later was made the postoffice of Nebraska, where he has continued in business until the present time. For over 40 years he was postmaster at this point and was the incumbent up to the time of the establishing of the rural mail delivery, when the postoffice was discontinued.

Alonzo E. Weaver was three years old when his parents located in Walnut township. His education was obtained in the district schools and at the Circleville High School and his children were educated in the same school where he was first instructed. Until 1882 he worked for his father in the latter's store and then began to farm. In addition to operating his own property, he and his son-in-law, George C. Marion, farm 260 acres belonging to Mary Huber. Mr. Weaver has met with satisfactory success in his agricultural operations and is classed with the good farmers of his section of the county.

On September 10, 1874, Mr. Weaver was

married to Mary C. Oman, who was born and reared in Walnut township. She died November 1, 1901, being survived by three children, namely: Lulu B., who married George C. Marion and has one son, Alonzo, named for his grandfather; Edith, who married Walter Marion and resides on the home farm; and Mary, who is still attending school.

Politically, Mr. Weaver is a Republican. He is serving as a member of the School Board of Walnut township. For 40 years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been a steward and trustee, and for 20 years was the superintendent of the Sunday-school, an office his son-in-law, George C. Marion, now fills. He belongs to Columbia Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Circleville. In 1897 Mr. Weaver built his handsome brick residence, one of the most comfortable and commodious in the township.

JESLIE STONE, one of Darby township's successful farmers, resides on his well-improved and finely cultivated farm of 95 acres, which is favorably situated on the Five Points turnpike, in Darby township, was born in Madison County, Ohio, May 22, 1861, and is a son of John H. and Rachel (Carter) Stone.

The parents of Mr. Stone reared these children: James, Clarence, Ida, Mary, J. Leslie and Maggie D. During the Civil War, John H. Stone gave years of service to his country, enlisting in 1861 in the 154th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf. He survived all the dangers of war and died at his home, in days of peace, at the age of 75 years. His venerable wife still survives, aged 76 years.

J. Leslie Stone was reared a farmer and obtained his education in the public schools. He is considered one of the excellent farmers of Darby township, managing his land with very satisfactory results. His wife inherited 53 acres of land and also owns a one-fifth interest in 50 acres of land left by her father. Mr. Stone has added 44 acres more and now has a farm of about the right size to be operated safely and successfully without outside help. Mr. Stone has made many improvements of a

substantial nature here. His handsome nine-room residence is one of many comforts. It was erected in 1904 and has a number of the modern conveniences which, in these days, make rural homes so desirable. His other buildings are suitable and well placed and his fine barn is one of the best in the township.

On January 25, 1894, Mr. Stone was married to Jennie Dick, who was born in Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio, July 6, 1868, being a daughter of P. Jackson and Margaret (Bolin) Dick, both natives of Pickaway County. P. Jackson Dick was born near New Holland, Pickaway County, and was seven years old when he removed to Darby township with his parents, Nicholas and Mary (Johnson) Dick. For 63 years he continued to reside on the Dick farm in Darby township, to which he came as a boy, until his death, February 13, 1902. His wife died January 10, 1898. Six children were born to them, as follows: Olivia, widow of Joseph Leist; Maim, who married Smith Beale; O. M., or "Mack," as he is familiarly known, the only son, who married Maggie Stone—he is chairman of the Democratic County Committee; Mandane, who married Fred Lutz; Jennie, wife of our subject; and Blanche, who married Edwin Sellman and died June 5, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have two children, namely: Tura Lucine, born February 13, 1897, and Jackson Leslie, born October 3, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The subject of this sketch is a good citizen, always taking an active interest in matters pertaining to the advancement of his neighborhood. He enjoys the esteem and respect of those with whom he is brought into contact and may very justly be mentioned as one of the township's representative men.

GEORGE R. CLIFTON, a well-known, progressive farmer of Muhlenberg township, residing on a finely improved and well-developed farm of 75 acres, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, near Yellow Bud, January 13, 1856, and is a son of William and Rachel (Bartley) Clifton.

Mr. Clifton has spent the whole of his life in this county. He grew up on his father's farm and lived at home until his marriage. He was educated in the district schools. When he was 10 years old, his father died. Mrs. Rachel (Bartley) Clifton, the mother of our subject, survived her husband many years, dying in July, 1901, at the age of 76 years. She was the mother of eight children, namely: William, a soldier in the Civil War, who died at Camp Chase, Ohio, in 1865; Thomas, who served over four years in the Civil War and died at Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1900; Benjamin, deceased; Daniel; Samuel; Catherine (Pratt), of Paulding County; Jane (Kelley), who lives in the State of Washington; and George R., the subject of this sketch.

George R. Clifton was married in 1880 to Missouri Henman, also a native of Pickaway County, where she lived with her parents until the time of her marriage. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Louisa (Grindell) Henman, both natives of Maryland, who came to this county many years ago. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton are the parents of five children: William, born January 5, 1883; Elmer, born January 31, 1884; Edgar, born August 31, 1886; Turney, born August 14, 1889; and Harry, born March 5, 1891.

After his marriage, Mr. Clifton rented a farm for 13 years and then bought his present farm of 75 acres, of which a good part was in timber. He has cleared all but 17 acres, doing all the work himself. He has erected good substantial buildings on the place and it is now one of the best improved farms in the locality. Mr. Clifton has been a Democrat all his life and served one term as constable.



CHARLES TRUMP, one of Jackson township's representative men and successful agriculturists, owns a total of 258 acres of valuable land here, 128 of which, located on the Mount Sterling turnpike, constitute his home place—one of the best improved farms in the central section of Pickaway County. Mr.

Trump was born June 27, 1832, in Wirttenburg, Germany, and is a son of Leonard and Rosena (Kern) Trump.

The parents of Mr. Trump were born in Wirttenburg, Germany, and both died in Pickaway County, Ohio, the father at the age of 70 years and the mother aged 80 years. They had these children: Rosena, deceased in Missouri, who was the wife of William Roth; Leonard, of Missouri; William, of Missouri; Charles, of this sketch; Martin, of Monroe township; Pauline, wife of Christ Schwartz, of Circleville; Carolina, wife of Leonard Bach, of Circleville; and Ludwig, of Cincinnati.

Charles Trump grew up on his father's farm in Germany and was 19 years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. A brother and sister of our subject had already crossed the Atlantic and were located in Pickaway County, Ohio, and this was the family's objective point when they took passage, in 1851, on the "Ernest," a trading vessel plying between Havre de Grace and New York. After 36 days on the ocean, a long trip on the canal and a drive of some miles, the newcomers reached Pickaway County and the family was again united. The father bought a farm of 100 acres in Washington township, within three miles of Circleville, on the old Lancaster road and an older brother of Charles took over its management. The latter hired out by the month but was soon stricken with a fever which incapacitated him for a time. After regaining his health he worked for two years in the neighborhood and for two more on the home farm and then married.

After his marriage, Mr. Trump rented a farm which he operated for three years and then went to Missouri to prospect, but soon returned, satisfied with the farming lands of Ohio. He continued to live on rented property until he was prepared to invest in land to his satisfaction. Some 34 years ago he purchased his present farm, which he has developed into one of the excellent farms and comfortable and attractive homes of the township. He owns a second farm which is somewhat larger, containing 130 acres, situated also on the Mount Sterling turnpike and in close proximity, but

the two farms are different tracts of land, not adjoining. Mr. Trump is looked upon as one of the township's capitalists as well as valued citizens.

On March 1, 1855, Mr. Trump was married to Frances Figlesthaller, who was born in Baden, Germany, January 24, 1833, and is a daughter of Francis and Katherine (Hartz) Figlesthaller, who spent their lives in Baden. Mrs. Trump emigrated to America in 1853, coming alone. Eight children were born to this marriage, as follows: Elizabeth, wife of George Gerhardt, of Madison County, Ohio; William, of Jackson township; Albert, living at home; Rosena, wife of Frank Brown, of Darbyville; Emma, living at home; August, an electrician, of Columbus; Amelia, living at home; and Carl, of Jackson township.

Mr. Trump has always supported the Democratic party. He has been one of the township's most useful men and for two years was supervisor. He is a member of the Lick Run Lutheran Church.

DV. COURTRIGHT, M. D., who is numbered with the successful physicians and surgeons at Circleville, was born in this city on the 4th of July, 1875, and is a son of the late Dr. Alva P. Courtright.

Dr. Alva P. Courtright was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, the family having been settled here for several generations. For a number of years he was one of the leading medical practitioners in this part of the State. He was one of the early physicians here, almost a pioneer in the profession and through a long, busy and useful life built up a reputation for skill second to none of his competitors.

Dr. D. V. Courtright, by choice and heredity, is a physician and surgeon. He was reared in a medical atmosphere and his father's surgery remains among his earliest recollections. After graduating from the Circleville High School, in 1893, he spent one year at Miami University, and then went to Starling Medical College, Columbus, where he was graduated in

March, 1897. He immediately became an interne under Dr. Hamilton, at the Mount Carmel Hospital, where he remained three years and was then called to Circleville by the death of his father. Since then he has continued in the active practice of medicine and surgery here and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-citizens, both personally and professionally. He belongs to the Columbus Academy of Medicine, Ohio State Medical Society and American Medical Association.

In 1901 Dr. Courtright was united in marriage with Nellie L. Straw, who is a daughter of the late David Straw, of Carey, Ohio, who at the time of his death was one of the capitalists and prominent men of Wyandot County. Two children have been born to the above marriage, viz.: Alva Vattier and David Straw. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church and Dr. Courtright is a member of the board of trustees.

Dr. Courtright retains his Greek letter college fraternity membership. He belongs also to the Masons and the Elks.

JOHAN C. STEVENSON, a prominent agriculturist and leading citizen of Jackson township, residing on his fine estate of 240 acres, known as the Darst farm, situated on Goosepond turnpike, was born in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, October 20, 1861, and is a son of John and Jane (Morehead) Stevenson.

John Stevenson, father of John C., was born in County Down, Ireland, November 13, 1823, and was a son of Alexander and Mary Stevenson, who had eight children, three of whom came to America. Mr. Stevenson remained in his own land until he was 25 years of age and then decided to make Ohio his home, locating in Pickaway County in the vicinity of Circleville, where he worked for five years at the coopering business and also on farms at a wage of \$6 a month. During this period he saved \$500 and with it he returned to Ireland and was married.

At the time that gold was first discovered in Australia, Mr. Stevenson prepared to go to that far-away country in search of fortune and subsequently located at Melbourne, where he worked first on the city docks and later secured work in the gold mines 100 miles inland. At first he worked for others but soon saw his opportunity, invested in mining properties of his own, which he later operated with some success. His greatest source of income, however, was in his provisioning of the mines. He bought wagons and horses and carried provisions long distances from Melbourne to the mines, being able to sell almost at his own prices. With some capital he then returned to Circleville, Ohio, accompanied by his wife and three children. He bought 72 acres of land on the Island, this being the nucleus of his later fortune in realty, and continued to live on it for 25 years. In the meantime he kept on buying land and acquired 400 acres and his wife acquired 200 acres. His death occurred October 14, 1902.

In 1853 John Stevenson married Jane Morehead, who was also born in County Down, Ireland—one day before the birth of her husband. She survived him almost two years, dying May 8, 1904. The seven children who survived infancy were: Alexander, who died December 4, 1905, aged 52 years; Mattie M., a resident of Columbus, who is taking a pleasure trip to Australia; Hamilton, a resident of San Francisco, California; Maggie, who died aged seven years; John C., of this sketch; Jennie, who is the wife of Rev. Richard Watt, of Ceylon, Minnesota; and Elizabeth, who is accompanying her sister to Australia.

John C. Stevenson, our immediate subject, was reared in Circleville township until he had passed his majority and remained with his parents on the farm on the Chillicothe turnpike for several years, then spent two years on a farm near Circleville. After selling this property, he went on a farm in Wayne township which his mother had purchased and there he continued to live for 11 years. It was a tract of 200 acres and he operated it with great success. During this time he married. Later he bought a farm of 177 acres at Fox, his first purchase, and he still retains this farm.

Some eight years ago Mr. Stevenson purchased his present farm and moved on it in the following year. It contains 240 acres and is well improved with good buildings, including a commodious and comfortable residence. It is situated five miles northwest of Circleville.

Mr. Stevenson, in addition to the lands mentioned, has charge of his parents' estate, which has not been settled. He has in charge 153 acres in Circleville township, left to the three sons; 100 acres on the Columbus turnpike in Circleville township, left to his sister; a one-sixth interest in 160 acres in Pickaway township; a one-sixth interest in 200 acres in Wayne township; and also manages 408 acres that belong to his sisters Martha and Elizabeth; and in addition is administrator for his brother Alexander's estate of 160 acres. Mr. Stevenson thus has control of 1,595 acres, of which he owns a considerable portion. He personally operates his homestead and rents the rest for raising grain. There is a sparkling spring of water on his land, which is known as the Darst spring.

On January 17, 1893, Mr. Stevenson was married to Callie M. Barnes, who was born near New Lexington, Ohio, and is a daughter of Arza R. and Barbara Barnes, natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have six children, viz.: John Beryl, Frank Earl, Grace H., George Bruce, Howard Newell and Eugene Morehead. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are members of the Presbyterian Church.

A strong Republican all his life, Mr. Stevenson takes a great amount of interest in the success of his party. He has served three years as township trustee and is known as one of the most reliable men of his locality, in business, in political and in private life. The large interests he represents are indeed in good hands.



RICHARD TIPTON DENNIS, a representative citizen of Monroe township, president of the Board of Education and a large farmer and stock-raiser, owns 372 acres of excellent land in one of the best sections of the township. He was born in Monroe township, on an

adjacent farm, on February 1, 1857, and is a son of David H. and Winnie (Funk) Dennis.

Early in the settlement of Ross County, Ohio, came Daniel Dennis and wife Nancy, from Maryland. They settled in the forest, which at that time was so dense that clearings had to be made before the first steps could be taken looking to cultivation of the land. At a later date he sold the Ross County farm to his son Henry and purchased a large farm in Monroe township, Pickaway County, where he died in 1877. His first wife died in Ross County. After he settled in Monroe township, he married Mary Hess, who still survives and resides with two of the children—Effie and George W.—on the farm of 110 acres left her children by Daniel Dennis, at the time of his death. The eldest of his daughters by this marriage, Josephine, who is the wife of Albert L. Shockly, a farmer of Darby township, also shared in the inheritance.

The children of Daniel Dennis' first marriage were: David H., father of our subject; Henry, who married Clarissa Smith—he purchased and later sold his father's old home in Ross County, and died in Monroe township; Millie, deceased, who married (first) Charles Evans, and (second) Robert Timmons; Mary, who married Felix Grindol and lives at Hammond, Illinois; Bettie, deceased, who was the wife of John Dennis; Peggie, deceased, who was the wife of Elijah Dennis; and Nancy, deceased, who was the wife of John Mulnix.

David H. Dennis, father of our subject, was born November 21, 1826, in Ross County, Ohio, and was only a boy when he accompanied his father to Pickaway County. His education was secured in the old log school houses, which were the best afforded at the time, and he grew up his father's helper on the farm. After his marriage he settled on the farm on which our subject was born and which now belongs to our subject's sister, Mrs. Samantha Hill. For many years a rough log house sufficed for a residence. Later, however, Mr. Dennis tore down the log cabin and on the opposite side of the road built a comfortable frame residence. He still lives in Monroe township, where he has long had a reputation

as a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He owns 211 acres of land situated jointly in Monroe and Muhlenberg townships. He was bereft of his wife on April 29, 1901, after a happy married life of many years.

To David H. Dennis and his wife, Winnie Funk, were born the following children: Nancy, who married Charles Downs and lives in Monroe township near Five Points, on what is known as the Noah Cardiff farm, which her husband owns; Sarah Jane, who married C. B. Mitchell and lives east of Five Points in Monroe township; William T., now owning and operating the old William McCafferty farm in Monroe township, who married Rhoda Hatfield; David G., who married (first) Harriet Hanson and (second) Dora Wing and lives on a part of what was once a section of the Florence estate in Muhlenberg township, along Dry Run; Richard Tipton, the subject of this sketch; and Samantha, wife of Seth Hill, of Monroe township.

Richard T. Dennis enjoyed excellent educational advantages and is one of the best-informed and intelligent men in Monroe township. He was an apt pupil in the district schools and also ambitious. In 1881 he entered the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and in 1883 took the teacher's special course and secured his certificate. Mr. Dennis then took up teaching as a profession and for the following 21 years taught school in Pickaway County, his time being divided partially thus: First in Deer Creek township, then two years in the graded schools at Darbyville, five years in the Pherson district in Muhlenberg township, six years at Five Points, and several years in the schools of his own neighborhood. During this time Mr. Dennis may have been the cause of a very general remark, that Monroe township turned out more capable teachers than any other township in the State. The fact is that he took such deep interest in his educational labors that he inspired the young to added effort and, with his encouragement and thorough training, well educated young men and women went out from under his care and many of them found educational work awaiting them because they were competent. Probably if a





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census was taken of the teachers who are now successfully filling positions in the township, it would be found that a large per cent. have been under Mr. Dennis' instruction. This fact must be very gratifying to so thorough an educator as he. From 1888 to 1891, Mr. Dennis served as county school examiner under appointment from Hon. Daniel J. Myers, judge of probate.

On December 29, 1887, Mr. Dennis was married to Elvira Adkins, who was born May 7, 1866, in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and comes of an old pioneer family of the State. Her parents, George W. and Louisa (Walstor) Adkins, reside near Five Points. The other members of their family, exclusive of Mrs. Dennis, are: Stanton, residing near Five Points, who married Josie Corkwell; Harry, living in Darby township, who married Carrie Neff; Elizabeth, who is the wife of G. W. Winfough, a merchant at Five Points; Gertrude, who is the wife of Harry Long, of Five Points; and Etta, who resides with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis have five children, namely: Fern, born October 13, 1888; Gladys, born August 12, 1890; Nita, born April 15, 1894; Eunice Pearl, born August 24, 1901; and Carl Richard, born December 8, 1903. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Dennis has all his large body of land in one tract, most favorably located along the Williamsport and Era road and the Mount Sterling and Darbyville turnpike. He purchased 215 acres of this farm from Isaac Collins, 43 acres from his sister, Mrs. Mitchell, 45 acres from the John McCafferty property and secured the rest from his father. It is all rich land, well adapted to both the growing of corn, oats and wheat and to the extensive raising of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. The family residence, a commodious frame dwelling of 10 rooms, occupies a conspicuous place on the farm and presents the appearance of an attractive, comfortable home. Various improvements have been added at various times and modern ideas have been generally followed.

Mr. Dennis has always taken an active in-

terest in local good government. He served as township treasurer from 1900 to 1906 and in 1904 was elected school director of his district and president of the Board of Education. Scarcely any citizen of Monroe township stands in higher esteem.



JOHN BOLENDER, who owns a very valuable farm of 72 acres in Washington township, was born on this farm on November 26, 1831, and belongs to an old pioneer family of this section. He is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Leist) Bolender.

Benjamin Bolender was born in Pennsylvania and came to Pickaway County at the age of 22 years. He married Elizabeth Leist, who was a daughter of Andrew Leist, and their lives were spent as farmers in Washington township.

John Bolender was reared and educated in Pickaway County, his schooling being obtained partly in the old log schoolhouse near his home. It was not unusual, in his young manhood, for stockmen to drive their cattle to Eastern markets and in 1850 he took a lot of cattle, driving them all the way to Baltimore, Maryland. He set out on the 6th of March, safely reached his destination with his cattle and returned more at ease, utilizing the steamboat and stage coach and reaching home on June 28th.

In 1852 Mr. Bolender was married to Sophia Stepelton, who died in 1863, the mother of six children, of whom three died in infancy. The survivors are: Isaac, who is in the grocery business at Circleville; Eliza Ann, who married S. E. Valentine; and Noah, who lives on a part of the home farm. Mr. Bolender married (second) Susan Leist, a daughter of John D. Leist. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Lydia A., the widow of the late James Martin Riffe, of Pickaway township; Henry, who resides at home; George, who married Eda Glick and lives in Wayne township; Lucy, who married William H. Stout; Ida, who lives at home; Charles,

Lily and Edward, who live at home and Nelson, who lives in Washington township.

Mr. Bolender originally owned 105 acres, but sold 33 acres to his son Noah. In 1882 he built the present commodious brick residence which adorns the farm. For the past 32 years he has been a member of the township School Board. He enjoys the distinction of having lived longer on one farm than any man in the township. He has seen the country develop and has done his part in promoting public improvements and in adding to the general prosperity of this section. For years he has been a leading member of the Evangelical Association, is one of the trustees and at various times has been one of the stewards. As one of the representative men of this locality, Mr. Bolender is held in general esteem. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

WILLIAM BYRON FREDERICK, an excellent farmer and representative citizen of Wayne township, belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families of this section of the State. Mr. Frederick was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, February 19, 1867, and is a son of William and Sophia (Bookwalter) Frederick.

Peter Frederick, the grandfather of William B. Frederick, was one of the earliest settlers in this county. By trade he was a cabinetmaker and farmer and was probably of German descent. He married Katherine Zimmerman and they reared two children. On the maternal side the grandparents of Mr. Frederick were also old and well-known settlers, Henry and Salome Bookwalter. The father of Mr. Frederick lived until February 5, 1906, the mother having passed away in 1892.

Mr. Frederick's life has been almost entirely devoted to agricultural pursuits. He is now operating the farm of his father-in-law—a tract of 333 acres in Wayne township.

Mr. Frederick was married on Christmas Day, 1895, to Bertha M. Miesse, who is a daughter of Dr. Morris H. Miesse, a prominent

physician of Circleville. They have three children, viz.: Harold Edward, born June 28, 1898; Leland Miesse, born Noember 17, 1900; and William Byron, Jr., born July 28, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick belong to the Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Frederick is a good citizen and takes an interest in all that concerns his township. He served for three years as a member of the School Board.

ROSS NEFF, of the younger generation of prominent agriculturists, comes of a family well known and thoroughly respected in Pickaway County. He is the owner of 180 acres of valuable land in Darby township, divided into two bodies. The home farm, which he bought from the Mitchell heirs in 1899, comprises 121 acres; the other tract of 59 acres he purchased in the spring of 1905.


Our subject is a son of Isaac V. S. and Sarah Malinda (Neff) Neff, and a grandson, on the paternal side, of Elijah and Mary A. (Powell) Neff and, on the maternal side, of Absalom and Sarah (Reay) Neff. The grandparents on both sides came to Ohio from Virginia. Seven children were born to Elijah and Mary A. (Powell) Neff, as follows: William, deceased; Isaac V. S., father of our subject, who died on the 14th of June, 1892; James, deceased; three girls who died in infancy; and George S. W., who married Elizabeth Powell and, with his wife, is living in Darby township.

Isaac V. S. Neff was born in Virginia and when 14 years of age came to Ohio with his father. The latter purchased 212 acres of land where George S. W. Neff, the uncle of our subject, now resides. Isaac V. S. Neff lived at home until he married Sarah Malinda Neff, daughter of Absalom Neff, who also had migrated from Virginia. Five children were born to this union, viz.: Mary Jane, who died when a child; Ada, who died in 1885, and William, who died in 1894; Ross; and Catherine, who died when an infant.

Ross Neff was born on the old home farm in this county, September 2, 1868, and on Feb-

ruary 28, 1900, he was married to Effa May Murphy, daughter of W. F. Murphy, of Derby. Besides herself, there were four children in the family of Mrs. Neff's parents—George, now deceased, who married Emma Neff; Joseph, also deceased, whose wife was Molly McKinley; Charles, who married Clara Dennison; and Sally, wife of Abraham J. Dennison.

Mr. Neff is identified with the Knights of Pythias and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Although still comparatively a young man, he already is placed in the ranks of the reliable and progressive citizens of the township.

 AMUEL DUNKEL, one of the most substantial farmers and respected citizens in Pickaway County, is the owner of 330 acres in Walnut township, comprising the home farm, and 185 acres in Circleville township. He has lived in this locality ever since he was an infant, or for a period of more than 83 years, and has had the reputation for years of raising the best wheat in the county.

Our subject was born in Salt Creek township, this county, on the 23rd of February, 1823, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Markel) Dunkel. His parents were both natives of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and were married in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County. When Samuel was only about a month old, they removed from Salt Creek to Circleville township, where the lad developed into manhood. On March 26, 1862, he was married to Susanna Berger, daughter of Henry Berger, by whom he has had four children. The first born, Elvina, is the wife of William H. Lat-house; they live on the family homestead with their six children—Shirley, Flossie, Homer, Clara, Mary and Florence. Mr. Dunkel's second child died unnamed. Lydia, the third, died single, in September, 1901, aged 30.

Rev. Joel Dunkel, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dunkel, is a Presbyterian minister at Saginaw, Michigan. His primary education was received in the district schools of Walnut township, after which he in his later

years attended and was graduated from Heidelberg University, at Tiffin, Ohio. He then took up theological studies at the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. While a student at the latter institution, Mr. Dunkel's mother (the wife of our subject) passed away, April 23, 1895, and he thereupon discontinued his course. In the following year, however, he entered the theological department of Princeton University, where he continued for two years. He married Lulu Baker and he is the father of one child, Wilbur Dwight.

In 1864, two years after his marriage, our subject moved from Circleville township to Walnut township, and in 1868 erected the large and handsome brick residence still occupied by him. His homestead comprises a finely improved farm, devoted chiefly to wheat, corn and clover. Mr. Dunkel has taken little interest in politics, but has served as township trustee, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. In religious matters, however, he has always been deeply concerned. He is a stanch member of the Reformed Church, and has served as an elder of that organization for a period of 40 years.



A. PETERS, whose fine farm of 260 acres is located in both Pickaway and Fairfield counties, and whose comfortable and attractive home is situated in Walnut township, Pickaway County, is one of the leading men of this section. Mr. Peters was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 14, 1852, and is a son of A. A. and Fama (Swisher) Peters.

A. A. Peters, the subject of this sketch, was one year old when his parents settled on the homestead farm in Walnut township he now owns and occupies. He has lived here until the present time. His father erected the comfortable and commodious residence and it has been still further improved by our subject. Here he spent his boyhood and attended the district schools, and on these broad acres he was trained to be a practical farmer. In addition

to managing this large body of land, Mr. Peters, for years, has efficiently discharged the duties of public office, having, on numerous occasions, been elected as the choice of the Republican party. He served one term of three years as county commissioner, retiring in the fall of 1905, declining a re-election. He has been township trustee for two terms and has always taken an active part in all movements looking to the advancement of the township's interests. For 12 years he served as a director of Reber Hill Cemetery, giving careful attention to the duties pertaining to this office.

Mr. Peters was married (first) to Emma Brobst, who was a daughter of David Brobst. She died some two and a half years after marriage, leaving no issue. Mr. Peters was married (second) to Olive Meeker, who passed away one year later, leaving no children. Mr. Peters was married a third time, to Elizabeth Stein, who was a daughter of David Stein. Mrs. Peters died September 14, 1905, the mother of four children, viz.: Annie, who married Frank Glick, a successful attorney at Columbus and has had three children—Helen and an infant, deceased, and Dudley; Chester, who resides at home; David, who died aged seven months; and Mary, who lives at home.

Both Mr. Peters and his son Chester are members of the Masonic order. The family is a leading one in Walnut township.



FRANK N. BOWMAN, a well-known citizen of Darbyville, who has been in the undertaking business here for the past 12 years, was born in Frederick County, Virginia, November 8, 1862, and is a son of Conrad and Ruth (Ritter) Bowman.

Conrad Bowman was born in Germany, in 1829, and was nine years old when he accompanied his widowed mother to Virginia. He married in Virginia and lived in that State until 1864, when he came to Pickaway County, Ohio. His wife was born in Virginia and died in Monroe township, Pickaway County, at the age of 54 years. Of the family of eight sons and two daughters born to them, Frank N. was the fifth in order of birth.

Frank N. Bowman was 18 months old when his parents came to Pickaway County and located in Deer Creek township. He lived on the home farm until he was 21 years of age and secured his education in the public schools. About this time Mr. Bowman made a trip to the West and spent about three and a half years in Washington, Oregon and along the Pacific Coast, handling stock in partnership with his brother, D. W. Bowman. After his return and marriage, he located at New Holland and conducted a grocery business for six years and then removed to Darbyville and opened an undertaking business. In May, 1904, he established an undertaking establishment at Mount Sterling and conducts both, his duties requiring all of his time. At first he conducted a hotel and grocery in addition to his main business but closed out those interests. Prior to returning from the West, he disposed of a farm of 320 acres he owned there. He owns property at Darbyville and at Mount Sterling, dwellings and offices at both points and is what may be termed "on Easy street."

On November 24, 1887, Mr. Bowman was married to Sotie N. Stinson, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Hugh and Roxanna (Dick) Stinson, natives of Pickaway County. They have one son, Avery Elton, who was born at Darbyville, January 12, 1900.

Mr. Bowman has been a lifelong Democrat. He served three years as township trustee and was elected by a majority of 66 votes, although in a Republican district. He has served a number of times as a delegate to conventions. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Darbyville. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Atlanta and to the Modern Woodmen of America Camp at Darbyville.



WILLIAM B. DAVIS, one of Williamsport's most successful business men, a veteran of the Civil War and a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of Pickaway County, was born at Williamsport, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 15, 1844, and

is a son of Ebenezer S. and Sedanay (McFarland) Davis. Elsewhere in this work will be found extended mention of the late Ebenezer S. Davis, who for years was closely identified with all the important interests of Williamsport and vicinity.

William B. Davis was reared at Williamsport and attended the schools of the village, scarcely completing his education when he offered his services, as a youth of 17 years, to defend his country from disruption. On November 11, 1861, he enlisted as a private soldier in Company E, 73rd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and served continuously until the close of the war, although confined for one year in a hospital, recuperating from honorable wounds received in gallant action. His mettle was that of a true soldier as his rapid promotions show, these in order being as follows: Corporal, December 30, 1861; sergeant, November 1, 1862; orderly sergeant, March 11, 1863; sergeant major, May 1, 1864; 1st lieutenant, September 8, 1864; captain, February 10, 1865. He was detached as acting adjutant of the regiment, April 1, 1865, and as assistant inspector general of the Second Brigade, Temporary Division, 14th Army Corps, June 17, 1865. On the terrible field of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, he was wounded by an exploding shell, and at Dallas, Georgia, he received a serious gunshot wound in his right leg. For one whole year these injuries made it necessary for him to remain in a hospital, where he endured almost mortal suffering, but the memory of this did not prevent his re-enlisting as soon as released. His second enlistment was on January 1, 1864, at Lookout Valley, Tennessee, and he was finally mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 20, 1865.

Captain Davis' long service necessarily caused his participation in a large number of the most important battles of the Civil War, and among these may be mentioned: McDowell; Cross Keys; Freeman's Ford; Waterloo Bridge; Second Bull Run, where the brave 73rd Ohio lost 144 men in killed and wounded, while 20 were taken prisoners and but 148 were left for service; Fredericksburg; Chancellorsville; Gettysburg; Raccoon Ridge, having in the meantime, been transferred to General

Hooker's command at Chattanooga. It was in this engagement that the regiment so distinguished itself that General Hooker, in making his report, used these words: "No troops ever rendered more brilliant service, driving three times their number from the entrenchments." Then came Mission Ridge; the siege of Knoxville; Buzzards' Roost; Resaca; Cassville; Dallas; Sherman's march to the sea; siege of Savannah; Averysboro and Bentonville. The army then marched north to Washington and took part in the magnificent review, after which the banners were furled, the tattered remnants of many telling the story of the conflicts through which they had been borne, and the gallant survivors of the great Civil War returned to peaceful pursuits. Captain Davis revisited Washington in 1902 and, with many of his old comrades in attendance upon the great national encampment, again marched through the historic streets of the Capital.

Upon his return in 1865 to Williamsport, Captain Davis was in partnership for a time with his father in conducting a general store and when his father retired continued the business until 1882. He then moved to Washington Court House, Ohio, and became traveling representative of a hardware house and continued in this line until 1902. He then located permanently at Williamsport and established his present general hardware store. Mr. Davis carries here a very complete stock of goods in his line and commands a very satisfactory trade.

Captain Davis was married in 1866 to Melvina Harmon, who was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John Harmon, who came to Pickaway County prior to the Civil War. Of the two children born to this marriage, but one survives, Maude, who is the wife of Henry E. Edwards, of Washington Court House. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have two children: Davis and William Henry.

Politically Captain Davis is a staunch Republican. He belongs to Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., of which he was the organizer and first master; of R. B. Hayes Post, G. A. R., of Washington Court House; of Fayette Council, No. 168, U. C. T.; and of the Ohio State Hardware Association.

TRA REICHELDERFER, formerly county commissioner of Pickaway County, and a prominent citizen of Salt Creek township, resides in section 23, where the Reichelderfer family has owned a quarter-section of land for several generations. Here he was born, on December 29, 1842, being a son of Samuel and Sarah Reichelderfer.

The Reichelderfer family originated in Holland. For many years it has been one of agricultural importance in Pennsylvania and been known in Ohio since 1805, when John Reichelderfer entered land in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, from the government. He was the great-grandfather of our subject, and his farm has been handed down from father to son ever since. Samuel Reichelderfer was born in Salt Creek township and was a son of Henry Reichelderfer, who was born in Pennsylvania. The family has always been noted for the production of fine farmers and our subject is no exception to the rule. He has always lived on his present farm and since it came into his hands he has continued to make many substantial improvements.

On May 10, 1868, Mr. Reichelderfer was united in marriage with Missouri Dillon, who was born at Adelphi, Ohio, and is a daughter of John Dillon, formerly of Ross County. Mr. and Mrs. Reichelderfer have these children: Harry D., of Circleville; Florence, wife of James Kittsmiller, of Logan, Ohio; Ettie B. and Annie, both at home; Fannie, widow of Lewis Riggins, residing with her father; Charles F., of Laurelville; and Jennie, Frederick P., E. Grace and Gladys, all at home.

Mr. Reichelderfer is one of the prominent Democrats of the southeastern section of Pickaway County and, as a man of standing, has been very frequently chosen by his party and elected by his fellow-citizens to offices of responsibility. For three years he served as trustee of Salt Creek township, for several years was assessor and for two successive terms served as a county commissioner of Pickaway County. In Ohio this is a very responsible and important county office. During two years of his terms of service. Mr. Reichelderfer was

president of the board and made a careful, conservative presiding officer.

Mr. Reichelderfer is an old member of the Lutheran Church at Tarlton and is liberal in contributing to its support. Formerly he was active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is well known as a good citizen and honest, intelligent, upright man, all over Pickaway County, where he can count his business and political friends by the score.

LEWIS C. ODAFFER, a prosperous and respected agriculturist who occupies a valuable farm of 350 acres in Harrison township about half a mile northwest of Ashville, was born near Tarlton, in Fairfield County, Ohio, on the 30th of April, 1855. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Camp) Odaffer. When an infant of one year he was brought by his parents to Washington township, Pickaway County. They were good, industrious people, well-known members of the Presbyterian Church and Lewis C. Odaffer was brought up in the healthful discipline of farm labors and taught to think for himself. When the young man moved to Pickaway township in 1879 he was a thoroughly trained farmer and stock-raiser, and was well prepared to establish a home of his own and commence an assured career of honorable usefulness.


In 1880 Mr. Odaffer was married (first) to Lina Hosler, daughter of Daniel E. Hosler, of Washington township, Pickaway County. Their daughter, Maud, was reared in Kansas by her grandparents and married Barton Brewer, a resident of Lyon County, that State. Mrs. Lina Odaffer died in 1881, and in March, 1889, our subject married as his second wife Ann Rader, daughter of James and Mary (Shock) Rader. His present wife is a native of Pike County, Ohio, but as she was reared in Pickaway County she is closely identified with this section of the State. James Rader, who was a native of Pike County, Ohio, moved to Pickaway County in 1875 and died on his farm in Pickaway township April 17, 1902,

aged 62 years. His wife, also a native of Pike County, Ohio, died on the home farm in Pickaway township June 12, 1891, at the age of 50 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Odaffer are the parents of two sons: Harold, born March 17, 1890; and Ray, born November 8, 1898. Both are attending school at Ashville.

The father of our subject, John Odaffer, was born May 16, 1818, and died November 4, 1905, at the advanced age of 87 years. His widow, at the age of 72, is living with her three sons, (who have never married) in Lyon County, Kansas, where they are engaged in farming and stock-raising. In the order of their birth the children of James and Elizabeth (Camp) Odaffer are: William Allen, Lewis C. (our subject), Charles and Arthur Clinton.

Since 1903, Lewis C. Odaffer has been the owner of his present fine property, which was formerly known as the Morris farm. Since it came into his possession it has been greatly improved and now gives ample evidence of the energy, thrift and industry which have marked the entire course of Mr. Odaffer's life. He is a Democrat in politics, but only takes the interest of a faithful, intelligent citizen.


EORGE J. McMULLEN, one of Circleville's successful men of business and the senior member of the well-known hardware firm of G. J. McMullen & Son, was born in this city in 1845, and is a son of Robert J. McMullen, one of the early settlers in Pickaway County, of Scotch descent.

Mr. McMullen was reared and educated at Circleville, where in 1870 he embarked in a hardware business with a partner, the firm name being Hoffman & McMullen. This partnership continued for 16 years and then Mr. McMullen bought his present place of business and continued under the name of the McMullen Hardware Company. Later a nephew, W. M. Murray, was admitted to the firm and remained five years. In 1899 Mr. McMullen took into

partnership his son Roy and the present firm style of G. J. McMullen & Son was adopted. This is one of the large business enterprises of the city. The firm deals in all kinds of hardware, furnishing goods and mantels and also does expert plumbing and gas fitting. In his son, our subject has an energetic, progressive partner who keeps fully posted on all matters concerning hardware and at all times the house is ready to meet competition.

In 1868 Mr. McMullen was united in marriage with Martha J. Flohr, and they have three children—Fannie, Grace M. and Roy. The last named is in business with his father as mentioned above. The eldest daughter is the wife of O. S. Howard, who is in the furniture business in Circleville. Grace M., a very talented and highly educated lady, a graduate of the Circleville schools and of Delaware University, was superintendent of the Girls' Industrial Home for five years. At that time she had the distinction of being the only superintendent in the State, of her sex. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. McMullen has for years been a trustee and a steward.

Mr. McMullen has always been an active man in public matters and has served as a member of the City Council. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Circleville. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the latter organization he has served for 22 consecutive years as treasurer.

ILLIAM HENRY HOTT, a representative business man of Ashville, manager of the Hott Bakery and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 16, 1847, and is a son of William and Sarah (Whitesell) Hott, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively.

William Hott, who was a son of Henry Hott, a native of Virginia, was born October

23, 1809, and was one year old when he was taken by his parents to Ohio, his father settling in Walnut township, Pickaway County, near the village of Ashbrooks, now known as Ashville. Here William Hott was reared to manhood and educated and here he learned the rudiments of farming. On April 30, 1829, he married Sarah Whitesel, who was born April 29, 1809, and at once went to farming on his own account. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hott, as follows: John H., deceased, who was born January 29, 1830, and died June 13, 1887; Mary (Resler), born September 10, 1831; Catherine, born January 29, 1834, who died in infancy; Susannah (Hott), born March 1, 1836; Eliza Jane, born April 27, 1838, who died September 11, 1839; Mathias, born July 27, 1839; Sarah M. (Harkleroad), born September 12, 1841, who died June 25, 1905; Julia Ann (Green), born January 6, 1845, who died March 4, 1881; Elizabeth (Wheaton), born January 6, 1846, who died September 7, 1885; William Henry, the subject of this sketch, and Milton T., born June 25, 1852. Three of the sons—John H., Mathias and William Henry—fought for the preservation of the Union in the Civil War. William Hott was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church, in which he was a class leader for many years and also Sunday-school superintendent for an extensive period. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican. His wife's death occurred February 12, 1865, while his own took place nearly 16 years later, on February 9, 1881.

William H. Hott continued to live at home on his father's farm until he was 17 years old, when, in 1864, he enlisted (under the name William Hott) for service in the Civil War for one year, becoming a member of Company A, 193rd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. Mr. Hott was mustered in at Circleville and then proceeded to Camp Chase where the regiment was formed. After a short time the regiment was sent to Harper's Ferry and thence to Stephenson, where Mr. Hott rejoined it, having been left behind on account of an attack of measles. Later he was detailed as orderly of the court martial at Winchester, Virginia, where he con-

tinued to serve until he was mustered out on August 4, 1865. He received his pay and final discharge at Camp Chase. After his return from the army he engaged in various lines of business, but his principal line of work was following the carpenter's trade. On September 16, 1898 he established the Hott Bakery at Ashville of which he is the present manager.

On October 7, 1872, Mr. Hott was married to Mary A. Smith, daughter of Joseph and Christina (Metzger) Smith, to which union were born six children, namely: Frank H., born May 20, 1873; Milton M., born March 19, 1883; Earl S., born January 1, 1892, and three who died in infancy. The eldest son is a resident of Ashville where he represents the C. H. Bloomstrom Motor Company of Detroit and the Forest City Motor Company of Massillon, Ohio. He married Lola E. Tanquay and they have three children: Alice, Eugene and Lois. Milton M., the second son, also a resident of Ashville, is engaged in the bakery business. He married Anna Agnes Hay.

William H. Hott is a Democrat in politics and has filled some minor offices. He was tax collector in Pickaway County for several years and served as councilman of Ashville at the time the town was organized and for several subsequent years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the best known members of the W. H. Morral Post, No. 167, G. A. R., of Ashville, of which he is a charter member and in which he has filled almost all of the offices from commander down. Mr. Hott draws a monthly pension of \$30 from the government on account of an affection of his eyes and throat, brought about by the measles he had in the army.

JAMES MARTIN RIFFLE. The death of James Martin Riffle, which occurred suddenly, as the result of an accident, on October 3, 1900, removed from Pickaway township one of its best citizens and brought sorrow into a happy home and deep regret to a community in which he was most highly esteemed. Mr. Riffle was



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. HILL.

born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 19, 1854, and was a son of Sylvester and Aurelia (Jones) Riffle.

Sylvester Riffle was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1834, and is a son of Martin and Martha (Beavers) Riffle. They were pioneers to Perry County, Ohio, where they settled when Sylvester was 11 years old. He remained at home until his 18th year and then started out to make his own way in the world. He took up his residence in Pickaway County and for many years was a farmer in Pickaway township. This venerable citizen still resides in his home near Thatcher, in Pickaway township. His wife died a number of years ago.

James M. Riffle was reared in Pickaway township and obtained his education in the district schools. Throughout life he added to his general knowledge by a liberal course of reading, always being interested in what was going on in the outside world as well as in local circles, and he also gave time and attention to the study of the *Scriptures*. He engaged in farming for a number of years but during the last nine years of life he worked at the carpenter's trade in connection with his agricultural duties. But a few days prior to his death, he had removed his family to his own farm, from that of Noah Weaver, in Washington township, which he had operated the previous year. His death was caused by his team becoming frightened by a railroad freight engine, while he was preparing to deliver a load of corn at an elevator in Circleville.

On February 5, 1886, Mr. Riffle was married to Lydia A. Bolender, who was born January 27, 1864, in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John and Susan (Leist) Bolender, both parents being natives of Washington township. The maternal grandfather, John D. Leist, was a very early settler of Pickaway County. The paternal grandfather was Benjamin Bolender, a pioneer of Washington township. The family and its connections belong to the best old stock of the county. Mr. Riffle is survived by his widow and five daughters and one son, viz.: Lucy F., Arista M., Lyman R., Nellie

A., Susan R. and Lydia B. Mr. Riffle was a consistent member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, the pastor of which, Rev. A. E. Wright, conducted the impressive services at his funeral. The beautiful sermon preached was from the appropriate text: "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow, for what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little while and then vanisheth away." The Foresters and Modern Woodmen of America attended the burial of their beloved comrade, the former organization having charge of the details. Attended by the largest concourse of people gathered on such an occasion in this locality, for many years, the remains were tenderly laid away in the peace and quiet of the Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery.

Mr. Riffle had been an industrious, prudent man and left a good farm of 56 acres to his family, on which they still reside. Mrs. Riffle is a member of the same church to which her husband belonged. She has a wide circle of acquaintances and many friends. The late James M. Riffle will long be recalled, for he possessed those qualities which inspired family affection and the respect and esteem of those with whom he had business or social relations.



WILLIAM C. HILL, one of the representative citizens and prominent farmers of Jackson township, resides on his fine farm of 128½ acres, all in one body, situated just off the Darbyville turnpike. Mr. Hill was born in Muhlenberg township, on the Florence Chapel turnpike, two miles east of Darbyville, on May 16, 1846, and is a son of Thomas and Julia A. (Sharp) Hill.

The Hill family is of Scotch ancestry. It was founded in America by our subject's great-grandfather, who subsequently served in the Revolutionary War. His son, Capt. William Hill, was born in Virginia and came to Pickaway County and settled in Muhlenberg township, in 1815. Here he lived until the age of 83 years and at his death owned al-

most 700 acres of land, a large portion of which was under cultivation. During the War of 1812 he served as a captain of a Virginia company of volunteers.

Thomas Hill, father of our subject, was born February 21, 1807, in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and accompanied his parents to Muhlenberg township, where he later cultivated a farm given him by his father. He died September 10, 1885, leaving an estate of 215 acres of land. For about a quarter of a century he was a trustee of Muhlenberg township. Politically he was a Whig and later a Republican. He married Julia A. Sharp, who was born in New York, July 1, 1813, and died May 14, 1893. She came here with her parents, who were of German descent. Thomas Hill and wife had 10 children and all are living except Marcus, who died aged three years. The nine surviving members are as follows: Mrs. Margaret Darst, of Muhlenberg township; Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteside, of Darby township; Mrs. Mary Bolin, of Darbyville; Mrs. Ellen McKinley, of Franklin County; William C., of this sketch; Mrs. Matilda Wilson, of White County, Indiana; Robert C., residing on a part of the old homestead; Ezra Florence, of Darbyville; and Mrs. Sarah Stiverson, of Columbus.

William C. Hill remained on the home farm until January, 1872, and then worked on several farms until March 5, 1878, when he bought 100 acres of his present farm, which he has increased to 128½ acres. Mr. Hill owns other property, being one of the county's large landowners. One farm of 50 acres is located on the Circleville turnpike; another, of 30 acres, in Deer Creek township, occupied by his son; and a third of 66 acres, located on the Darbyville turnpike. Mr. Hill operates all these with the exception of the farm on which his son lives, devoting them to grain and stock. His property is well improved, his buildings being of a substantial character. He raises a great deal of first-class stock and is numbered with the intelligent and successful farmers of the county.

On October 26, 1871, Mr. Hill was married

to Minerva A. Gulick, who was born in Muhlenberg township, near Darbyville, September 12, 1848, and is a daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Seymour) Gulick, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Ross County, Ohio. The Gulick family is a pioneer one of this section. The children of our subject and wife now living are: Charles, of Deer Creek township; Addie May; Maude, now a bookkeeper in Columbus, who was formerly a school teacher; Seymour; James; Josephine; Ellen; Marion, who died July 11, 1875; an infant, deceased; and Lizzie, who died in November, 1880, aged two and a half years.

Mr. Hill is one of the leading Republicans of Jackson township, in which he has served two terms as justice of the peace and 20 years as school director. In 1900 he was the property appraiser of the township. He is one of the thoroughly reliable business men and valued citizens of Jackson township. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Hill accompany this sketch.

JACOB T. OBERDORFER, proprietor of a large planing mill and an extensive manufacturer and dealer in dressed lumber, sash, doors, blinds, shingles, etc., at Tarlton, is carrying on a very successful business and has a large trade territory. Mr. Oberdorfer was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 17, 1867, and is a son of John and Barbara (Myers) Oberdorfer.

The parents of Mr. Oberdorfer were born in Germany. They came to America early in the '50's, and settled in Fairfield County, where John Oberdorfer operated a woolen mill, in Hocking township.

Jacob T. Oberdorfer attended school in Hocking township and then went into his father's mill, where he worked until he attained his majority. His natural inclinations were in the direction of mechanics and for several years after leaving his father he engaged in sawmilling through Pickaway, Ross, Hocking and Fairfield counties. In 1894 he located at

Tarlton and engaged in business, entering into partnership with Elmer E. Dickson, under the firm name of Dickson & Oberdorfer, which continued until 1889, when the firm was dissolved, since which date Mr. Oberdorfer has been sole proprietor of what is one of Tarlton's most prosperous industries. Mr. Oberdorfer conducts a general planing mill business, manufactures sash, doors, blinds, etc., sells all kinds of dressed lumber, shingles, lath, etc., and makes estimates to builders and fills contracts. He owns a fine farm of 145 acres in Salt Creek township, which is very satisfactorily managed and brings in quite an income.

Mr. Oberdorfer married Laura A. Dickson, who was born in Hocking township, Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Isaac Dickson, of that county. Five children have been born to this marriage, namely: Ralph L., Beulah E., Paul E., Winnifred L. and Mary C.

In politics Mr. Oberdorfer is a Democrat. He has served on the board of directors of the Tarlton Special School District, with other prominent citizens. He belongs and liberally supports the Lutheran Church. In all that goes to make a good citizen, Mr. Oberdorfer is one of the representative men of Tarlton.



THADDEUS WILLIAM BAUM, a prominent citizen and representative business man of Duvall, Pickaway County, where he has operated an elevator and been largely interested in dealing in grain and live-stock for the past seven years, was born October 26, 1863, in Madison township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He is a son of Jacob and Eliza (Cromley) Baum.

The paternal grandfather, Christian Baum, came to Pickaway County from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm in Madison township, developing it from a wild state. This property is still in the family and is owned by our subject. Christian Baum married a Miss Shook, a member of another old and prominent German family of Pennsylvania, and they had these children: Joseph;

George; Lewis; John; Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of W. T. Conklin, of Madison township; and Mary, who was the wife of Samuel Posey. The only survivors of this family are Lewis and Mrs. Conklin.

Jacob Baum, father of our subject, was born on the homestead in Madison township, Pickaway County, in September, 1832, and died in 1876, having spent the whole of his long, useful and exemplary life in his native place. He married Eliza Cromley, a daughter of Christian Cromley, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Linnie, who died in infancy; Thaddeus William; and Mattie J., deceased, who was the wife of Rev. D. E. Snapp.

Thaddeus W. Baum received his primary education in the schools of Madison township, later spent two years at Lebanon, Ohio, and completed his education by taking a commercial course at Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. Mr. Baum then spent one year teaching school at Nebraska, in Walnut township, and then settled down to farming. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1899, when he purchased the elevator at Duvall and since then has been devoting his time, in large measure, to dealing in grain and live-stock. He still retains possession of much valuable farming land in Madison township, aggregating some 760 acres, and has other business interests. He is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' Bank at Ashville, of which he is vice-president; is senior member of the firm of Baum & Herr, operators of an elevator at Groveport; and has a large interest in the Seeds, Grain & Hay Company, a concern recently organized and incorporated.

On March 19, 1890, Mr. Baum was married to Mattie Conklin, who is a daughter of W. T. and Elizabeth Conklin, of Madison township. They have three daughters: Ruth, born July 12, 1892, who is a student in the township schools; Helen, born September 20, 1894; and Dorothy, born March 21, 1906.

Mr. Baum is one of the leading members of the Masonic fraternity in this section, being a 32nd degree Mason. As a business man he

stands very high in commercial life. He was left fatherless at the age of 12 years and business responsibilities fell upon his shoulders at an unusually early age. These he met with courage and handled with ability, and a large part of his ample fortune has been the direct result of his own efforts. His beautiful home at Duvall is one of comfort and luxury, and his family are prominent factors in the town's pleasant, social life. Personally, Mr. Baum impresses the stranger favorably, his fine appearance and cordial manner inspiring confidence and friendship.

HON. GEORGE W. BOWERS, one of the younger members of the Ohio State Legislature, is probably one of the most popular citizens of Walnut township, Pickaway County, where he operates a fine farm of 173 acres. Mr. Bowers was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 21, 1871, and is one of a family of seven children born to his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Gessley) Bowers, prominent farmers of Amanda township, Fairfield County.

Mr. Bowers spent his boyhood on his father's farm and obtained his early educational training in the common schools. Later he attended college, at Lebanon, Ohio, where he was graduated with credit, in 1889. Mr. Bowers followed the profession of teaching until he went actively into politics, and during this time he was principal of the schools of East Ringgold, Ohio, for three years. He was reared a Democrat, and in the fall of 1905 his party saw his availability as a legislative candidate. Prior to this he had served as a justice of the peace and was thus well acquainted with Ohio laws. Mr. Bowers went into the campaign without any opposition from members of his own party, being personally very popular and was elected by a plurality of 1,087 votes, leading his ticket. He is a man of education, judgment and honest convictions and his friends predict for him a very successful career. He has always taken great interest in educa-

tional matters and is president of the School Board in Walnut township.

Mr. Bowers was married to Clara L. Brown, who is a daughter of the late Joseph H. Brown, and they have one son—Harold J. Mr. Bowers' wife's family belong to the Baptist Church, but he is a Lutheran. He is a member of Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F., at Ashville, and also belongs to Nebraska Grange, at Nebraska.



CHARLES A. PALM, a retired farmer now residing at Circleville, has been a resident of Pickaway County for 60 years. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1832, and was 14 years of age when he came to America.

All of Mr. Palm's business life was devoted to farming and gardening. For 25 years he was known as one of the most successful market gardeners in the vicinity of Circleville and he still owns a finely-improved farm of 117 acres in Washington township.

Mr. Palm has been twice married; first to Mary Metz, who died in 1865, leaving one child, Mrs. Christina Landenberger, who has two children. Mr. Palm was married (second) on November 9, 1865, to Christina Doering, who was born in Germany and came to America with her parents, at the age of seven years. The children of this marriage are as follows: Anna Martha, who is the widow of William Leist and the mother of four children; Meinhard G., who married Ella Miller, daughter of William Miller and has five children; Flora Matilda; and Frank Henry, who married Cora Williams and has one child.

Mr. Palm has always supported the Democratic party but he has not been willing to accept the cares of political office. Both he and his wife are worthy members of the Lutheran Church. During his long residence here Mr. Palm has seen all this section develop. He can relate many interesting events which took place long ago and knows personally the surviving members of most of the old and leading families which have made Pickaway County what it is.

WILLIAM M. DEWEY, who is extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising in Jackson township, resides on a 207-acre farm in this township, and owns a farm of 226 acres located on the Goosepond turnpike. Mr. Dewey was born in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 3, 1859, and is a son of Lemuel and Adeline (King) Dewey.

Lemuel Dewey was born in Vermont and belongs to the same family which gave the United States her great naval hero, Admiral George Dewey, a cousin of the father of our subject. Lemuel remained in Vermont until he was a man of 40 years of age. After coming to Pickaway County, he mainly followed teaming. At one time in his life he was an officer of the law and it was while fulfilling his duty and attempting to make an arrest, that he was injured in a way that caused the loss of an eye. He died in 1865, aged 60 years. He was twice married, his first wife leaving at death four sons and two daughters. His second marriage was to Adeline King, who was born in Pennsylvania and still survives, residing in Harrison township, at the age of 76 years.

Our subject is the fifth in the family of eight children born to his parents, the others being: Mary (Dolby), of Ashville; Samuel, of Harrison township; Emma (Hall), of Scioto township; George, deceased; Edward, of Ashville; Ella, who died young; and Maggie.

William M. Dewey was only six years old when his father died and his childhood was spent among strangers. As soon as he was old enough, he began to work and as a child was so industrious that he more than earned his keep. When he was 18 years old he went to work for Alexander Caldwell, who employed him by the month until his marriage, when Mr. Caldwell rented the young man one of his farms on which he continued to reside until he settled on what is known as the Link Huston farm. This property Mr. Dewey rents. In 1897 he purchased 102 acres of land on the Goosepond turnpike and later added a 124-acre tract, on which is a good tenant house.

This tract Mr. Dewey lets on shares but works the rest of his land himself, devoting it to grain and stock. He has been a farmer all his life and is a very sensible, practical one who thoroughly understands his business.

Mr. Dewey was married (first), in 1880, to Lucy Malone, who was born in Pickaway County and was a daughter of Whitfield Malone. She died in 1886, aged 24 years, leaving three children: George, of Jackson township; and Charles and Ezra, who live at home. In 1888 Mr. Dewey was married (second) to Leah Gochenouer, who was born in Pickaway County, and is a daughter of Joseph Gochenouer. To this union four children have been born as follows: Nellie May; Clara Ann; Lemuel Addie, who bears the combined names of his paternal grandfather and grandmother; and Gardner—all living at home.

Politically Mr. Dewey, like his distinguished cousin, has been a lifelong Democrat. He has been a school director for many years and for the past four years has been township trustee. In manner and appearance, Mr. Dewey bears a striking resemblance to the honored admiral of the United States Navy.

H. COLVILL, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Circleville, where he has been established since 1899, was born in 1855 in Jackson County, Ohio, and is a son of Robert G. Colvill, formerly a farmer of Jackson County, but now living retired in Circleville.

G. H. Colvill spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, going to school and assisting in the homely duties which make up a large part of the farmer boy's life. He spent some time also in the Hamden High School and then began teaching and also preparing for medical college. After three years of school teaching, he went to Columbus and became a student of medicine with Dr. Kinsman and at the same time attended medical lectures at the Columbus Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1879. In 1898 Dr.

Colvill took a post-graduate course at the New York Post Graduate College.

After receiving his degree, Dr. Colvill settled for practice at Harrisville, in Harrison County, Ohio, where he remained for 20 years, faithfully performing the duties of his arduous profession all this time. In the spring of 1899 Dr. Colvill removed to Circleville, where his reputation for medical skill had preceded him. During his seven years of practice here he has justified the expectation of those who have sought his experienced services. He is one of the valued members of the older medical organizations of the State, having belonged to the Ohio State Medical Society for nearly 20 years, to the Belmont County Medical Society for 15 years and for a like period to the Eastern Ohio Medical Society.

In 1881 Dr. Colvill was married to Melissa G. Southward, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Rev. John A. Southward. Dr. and Mrs. Colvill have four children, viz.: Edith; Robert G., a student at Wooster College; Lillian E. and Helen I. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Colvill is an elder and one of the active workers in the Sunday-school. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason, and at present is prelate of Scioto Commandery, K. T., at Circleville.



MRS. MARGARET E. McKENZIE, a highly esteemed resident of Pickaway township, lives on her excellent farm of 87 acres, which she has practically managed for some years. Mrs. McKenzie was born in Vinton County, Ohio, May 10, 1856, and is a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Murphy) Ward.

The father of Mrs. McKenzie was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and her mother in County Longford. The father died July 23, 1882, but the venerable mother, now in her 80th year, is an inmate of St. Anthony's Hospital at Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ward were early settlers in Vinton County, Ohio, whence they removed to Pickaway County in 1860, locating in Jackson township. Of

their seven children, these survive: Margaret E. (McKenzie); Patrick, who lives in Randolph County, Virginia; Frank, of Columbus; Catherine, wife of Judge C. C. Shearer, of Xenia, Ohio; and John, of Aberdeen, Washington.

Mrs. McKenzie was only a child when her parents located in Jackson township, Pickaway County, where she was reared. She obtained her education in the public schools of Circleville and later became a teacher, following the profession through two years. She was a successful and popular educator and made many friends among her pupils and their parents.

On April 26, 1875, Margaret Ward married Leo McKenzie, who was born May 5, 1848, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret McKenzie. In another part of this work in the sketch of Frank S. McKenzie, may be found extended mention of the McKenzie family. The children born to this union were: John J., Mary C., Samuel P., Leo M., Frank C., Catherine E., Margaret T., Elizabeth S., Ruth H. and Antoinette A. (deceased).

Mrs. McKenzie and her children are devoted members of the Catholic Church. She is a woman of remarkable business capacity and is much respected by all who know her. On account of Mr. McKenzie being an invalid, many unusual cares have been placed on her shoulders. These she has supported with fortitude and cheerfulness. Her children have been carefully reared, her home and land well looked after, her religious duties have never been forgotten and there are many of her neighbors who have had reason to feel grateful for her kindness when they have been in trouble or visited by sickness. She is conceded to be an admirable woman.



JACOB MERZ, dealer in staple and fancy groceries, at Circleville, has been identified with the business interests of this city for the past 28 years. He was born at Circleville, in 1859, and is a son of John Merz.


John Merz is well known at Circleville, where he still resides, having reached his 78th

year. He was born in Germany and located at Circleville in the year of his son's birth. He is an expert gardener and many of the beautiful lawns and productive gardens of the city have come under his supervision.

Mr. Merz was reared and educated at Circleville and was graduated at the High School in this city. For two years he was with C. R. Goldfredrick, in the capacity of clerk, and then embarked in a grocery and provision business of his own. He has ever since been located at the corner of Watt and Pickaway streets and controls a large and profitable trade. His stock is full and varied, while his methods of business have always been those based on strict honesty.

In 1880 Mr. Merz was married to Elizabeth Schlagetter, who is a daughter of Frank Schlagetter. Mr. and Mrs. Merz have three children, viz.: Frank H., who is a practicing dentist; W. Robert, who assists his father; and Anna L., a talented young lady who will graduate during the coming year from the Conservatory of Music of Lima.

Mr. Merz has been a lifelong Democrat. As a man of substance and reliable character, he has frequently been called upon to hold office. For 12 years he served as president of the City Council and at present is city treasurer. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Red Men and Foresters. For many years he has been a member of Trinity Evangelical Church and is one of its most liberal supporters.

EORGE S. W. NEFF, a substantial agriculturist and leading citizen of Darby township, is the owner of 269 acres of valuable farm land, lying in three compact bodies. The largest tract, containing 165 acres, is the homestead on which he resides, situated on the old Federal road. Another farm of 52 acres is on the same thoroughfare, and the third, almost equal in size, is located on the Darbyville and London road.


Our subject is a son of Elijah and Mary A. Neff, Virginians. Seven children were born to their union, as follows: William, deceased;

Isaac V. S., who died June 14, 1892; James, who died at an advanced age; three girls, who died in infancy; and George S. W., who is the only member of the family now living.

Mr. Neff's birthplace was Hardy County, Virginia (now West Virginia), but has resided in this county since he was six years of age. Both he and his many friends therefore consider him practically a native of Pickaway County, and his success a part of its progress.

George S. W. Neff was married to Elizabeth Powell, daughter of Jacob Powell, of the Old Dominion, and four children were born to them, viz.: Otis, who married Minnie Grable and at his death, at the age of 35 years, left a widow and one child—Hazel; Mary E., who married James Grable and became the mother of three children—Edith, George and Alfred; Carrie Jane, who became the wife of Harry Adkins and the mother of two children—Agnes and George; and Ella, who is the youngest and resides at home. The parents of Mrs. Neff are both dead. She has three sisters—Mary, Alice and Almira; six half-sisters—Jessie, Anna, Carrie, Mattie, Osta and Maggie; and a half-brother—Otis.

The Neff family residence is a nine-room, frame house one of the prettiest in the neighborhood. The farm on which Mr. Neff lives has been his home ever since he came to the township as a boy of six years. Since then he has not only developed into a splendid manhood, reared a family of his own and prospered in worldly affairs, but established a solid reputation for intelligence and morality. He has taken deep and continuous interest in educational matters, having served for a number of years on the School Board. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order.

OSHUA GLICK, son of a widely known pioneer, himself a successful farmer and owner of 184 acres of land in section 8, Walnut township, was born at Circleville, Ohio, October 17, 1845. He is a son of Philip and Nancy (Hoover) Glick, a full account of whom may be found in the biography of Jacob H. Glick, appearing elsewhere in this work.

Our subject is the second son in the family of which Caleb Glick, of Washington township, is the eldest. He had the usual experiences and training of a lad on a farm and reached manhood as a resident of Circleville, where, on Christmas Day, 1867, he was joined in wedlock to Mary Crist, daughter of Nicholas and Susan Crist.

About three months after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Glick commenced housekeeping on their present homestead, then a farm of 92 acres, formerly owned by Philip Glick, our subject's father. Since the spring of 1868, when Mr. Glick thus founded a home of his own, the original farm has been greatly improved and increased. In 1871 he built a large and convenient brick house, which is still the family residence, and in 1897 he made a valuable addition to the landed property by purchasing 42 acres of James H. Hoover, adjoining the original tract. In 1900 he bought another 50 acres of Willis Hoover. His entire farm is in one compact and attractive body. The land thus combined was originally one farm, but was purchased and divided by C. Hoover and Philip Glick.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Glick have had four children, all living—Dora A., who married Edwin Baum and resides in Madison township; Harley E., who married Mary Boyer, has a son, Paul B., born March 2, 1906, and lives on a farm adjoining his father's place, of which he has charge; Charles W.; and Bert B., who is employed in a Circleville drug-store.

Joshua Glick is active and influential in the public affairs of his township, having served nine years as constable and since 1900 as assessor. He is a steadfast and honored member of the Lutheran Church, and is at present an elder in that religious body.



M. MORRIS, one of the prominent citizens of Pickaway County, and a representative business man of Circleville, conducts a large hardware store in this city and stands very high in public esteem. He was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, De-

cember 30, 1859, and is a son of James Morris, further mention of whom will be found in the sketches of Thomas J. and George W. Morris, in this work.

Mr. Morris was reared in Walnut township and spent his early school days there. Later he attended the Northern Ohio University one term and then began to teach school. This profession he followed in Pickaway County for about 12 years, becoming well and favorably known in many localities. He was appointed deputy auditor of Pickaway County and served in that position for two years and a similar period as deputy treasurer. In 1899 Mr. Morris purchased the hardware business of Ainsworth & Brenner, at Circleville, and in the following year resigned his political position to assume sole charge of the business. He has continued in this line ever since and conducts one of the largest hardware stores in this section.

Mr. Morris was married in 1898 to Fanny Florence, who is the eldest daughter of Jonathan Florence and a representative of one of the oldest and most important families of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have two children, viz.: Donald F. and Ralph. Mrs. Morris is a member of the Presbyterian Church to which Mr. Morris gives a liberal support.



JONATHAN BRINKER, a well-known and respected farmer residing on a valuable tract of 100 acres in section 9, Walnut township, is also the proprietor of a large general store and implement depot, situated at the cross-roads near his home. The family residence is a large brick house built by himself and father in 1889, and is an added evidence of Mr. Brinker's substantial prosperity.

Our subject was born May 15, 1851, on a farm adjoining the place he now occupies, and is a son of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Knight) Brinker. His father was also a native of Walnut township, being a son of George Brinker who settled in this township in the early pioneer days. After reaching an industrious and useful manhood in this locality, Barnabas



DAVID G. DENNIS. HENRY T. DENNIS.
 DAVID H. DENNIS. PAUL H. DENNIS.
 (Four generations.)

Brinker married Elizabeth Knight, whose father was John Knight. Of the eight children born to them, these five are still living: Oliver Perry, of Walnut township; M. T., of Columbus; C. F., of Ashville; Mrs. Gilbert Humble; and Jonathan, of this sketch. Two children died in infancy and George passed away September 1, 1901, aged about 52 years.

Jonathan Brinker was reared and educated in Walnut township, and married Lida Weaver, daughter of D. F. Weaver, on the 29th of January, 1879. They have two children: Harry W.; and Meda Alice, who married Charles Hay and lives on the old home farm.

Besides managing his extensive agricultural operations, Mr. Brinker conducts a farm implement and a general store. Among the large stock of agricultural implements which he carries are the Milburn wagon and the Great Western manure spreader. An idea of the extent of his general business may be gained by the statements that during the season of 1905 he sold 34 of the manure spreaders at the standard price of \$118, and that he yearly disposes of between two and three car-loads of wagons. He also carries a large stock of buggies, surreys, carriages, harness, etc. His general store is one of the most complete in the township.

Mr. Brinker's fraternal connections are confined to the Knights of Pythias, and his religious, to his membership in Hedges Chapel, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DAVID GRANVILLE DENNIS, a leading farmer and good citizen of Muhlenberg township, owning a fine farm of 156 acres in this township, was born in Monroe township, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 8, 1854, and is a son of David H. and Winnie (Funk) Dennis.

Daniel Dennis, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Maryland and was the founder of the family in Ohio. He was twice married. He located in Ross County but sub-

sequently came to Pickaway and died in Monroe township in 1877 at the age of 98 years. His father lived to the age of 103.

David H. Dennis, father of David Granville Dennis, was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 10, 1826, and accompanied his parents to Monroe township, Pickaway County, where his whole life has been spent. He still owns 212 acres of fine land and has distributed among his children some 365 acres, all of it in one body, lying in Monroe and Muhlenberg townships. For a number of years he dealt largely in land, handled a large amount of stock and carried on extensive farming. He served at one time as treasurer of Monroe township and for a long period has been one of the leading Republicans of his locality. His wife died April 29, 1901, at the age of 73 years, leaving six children, namely: William T., of Monroe township; Mrs. Sarah Jane Mitchell, of Monroe township; David Granville, of this sketch; Richard T., of Monroe township; Nancy, wife of Charles Downs, of Monroe township; and Samantha, wife of Seth Hill, of Monroe township.

David G. Dennis was reared in Monroe township and attended the district schools. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and has proved a first-class farmer. He has resided on his present farm for the past 25 years and has developed and improved it into a very valuable property.

Mr. Dennis has been twice married; first, to Harriet Hanson. Two children were born to this union, viz.: Minnie, who is a popular teacher at Darbyville; and Henry T., of Muhlenberg township, who is married and has a son, Paul H. Mr. Dennis was married (second) on March 26, 1902, to Dora Wing, who was born in Vinton County, Ohio, and is a daughter of James and Phebe Ann (Carpenter) Wing.

Mr. Dennis has been a Republican all his life. He has been a useful citizen of Muhlenberg township, serving 13 years as trustee and about five years as school director. He belongs to the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Darbyville. A group picture of the Dennis family accompanies this sketch.

GEORGE M. PONTIUS, who resides on a fine farm of 172 acres situated in sections 17 and 20, Circleville township, was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 20, 1856, and is a son of Daniel M. and Catharine (Clare) Pontius.

Daniel M. Pontius was also born in Washington township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and was a son of Daniel Pontius, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to this country as one of the first settlers.

George M. Pontius is also descended from Jacob Metzger who emigrated at an early day from Holland to Pennsylvania, where he settled in Berks County. He was a great-great-grandfather of our subject. Jacob Metzger died July 8, 1835, aged 88 years, 5 months and 16 days; his wife Mary died October 30, 1835, aged 83 years, 7 months and 13 days. They were buried near Hallsville, Ross County, Ohio. Their son, Jacob Metzger, removed from Berks County, Pennsylvania, to Pickaway County, Ohio. He was twice married. His first wife, a Miss Shriner, died in Pickaway County at the age of 54 years. He married, as his second wife, Sarah Dillen, and with her removed to Michigan, where both died, Jacob Metzger at the age of 87 and his wife at the age of 67.

George M. Pontius has spent the greater part of his life in Circleville township. He was reared and educated in Circleville, where he lived for about 14 years. He was married in 1880 to Jennie Grant, a daughter of Samuel Grant, a farmer of Washington township. They have two children—May and Catharine.

Mr. Pontius has been engaged in raising small fruit such as berries, and is also interested in raising Shorthorn cattle. His farm of 172 acres, while situated in two sections, is all in one piece of land. There are two houses on the property; one a frame house, erected in 1896, which is occupied by Mr. Pontius; the other a brick dwelling, erected in 1853 by George Metzger, which Mr. Pontius rents.

Politically, Mr. Pontius is a Democrat. In 1902 he was elected township trustee, in which capacity he is still serving. He has been a

member of the School Board of Circleville township since 1894. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

JAMES J. EGAN, one of Circleville's leading business men, dealer in staple and fancy groceries, was born in County Cork, Ireland, May 1, 1841, and has been a resident of this city for over 30 years. His father, John Egan, was born in County Cork, while his mother, Catherine O'Sullivan, was born in County Limerick. There were five children in the parental family.

James J. Egan was reared and educated in his native land, where he resided until he was 32 years of age, when he came across the ocean. After residing in New York City for two years, he came to Circleville. He is the only one of his family to come to America. For one year he worked for William Foresman and was then engaged as a grocery clerk for Fred Warner in 1877, but in 1879 he embarked in a grocery business for himself and has been so engaged continuously ever since. Mr. Egan owns the store where he conducts business, besides a handsome residence on East Watt street.

Mr. Egan was married (first) in 1877 to Eliza O'Sullivan, who died in 1880. Mr. Egan was married (second) in 1881 to Mary J. Warke, who was born in Ireland. The children born to this union are: J. Parnell and Robert Joseph, both of Chicago; Mary, at home; Sarah B., manager of the music department of the firm of Ball & Livingstone, of Columbus, Ohio; and Elizabeth T., living at home. With his family, Mr. Egan belongs to the congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; he is a member of the Holy Family Society of this church, and was a member of the building committee, when the parochial school was erected.

Politically Mr. Egan is a Democrat and on numerous occasions he has been called to take a place on important civic bodies. He was a member of the Board of Equalization for seven years, for six years was a member of the Board

of County Visitors and at present is the city's careful and capable health officer and a member of the Board of County Visitors. For six years he was a member of the Board of Health of Circleville. For two years he was canal collector under Governor Hoadly. Mr. Egan has been a resident of Circleville for upwards of 31 years.



WILLIAM MALCON MITCHELL, a successful farmer of Scioto township, has resided for the past 39 years on his present farm, which now contains 135 acres. He was

born in Harrison township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 27, 1856, and is a son of John and Ann (McGuire) Mitchell.

John Mitchell was born in Devonshire, England, May 10, 1821, and came to America in 1852, the trip across the Atlantic in a little sailing vessel consuming seven months and five days. Landing finally at New York, he proceeded directly to Columbus, Ohio, and soon began running an engine for a distillery. Later he came to Ashville, Pickaway County, and ran the engine for the Ashbrook distillery until it was abandoned and then entered into the post and rail fence business, which he followed until within a few years of his death, which took place September 29, 1899. In 1854 he married Ann McGuire, who was born May 10, 1830, in County Leitrim, Ireland, Manor Hamilton, Curnagella, a daughter of James McGuire. To them were born two children, viz.: William M., of this sketch, and Maggie. The latter became the wife of Prof. P. A. Lewis, who for 20 years was a leading educator of Pickaway County, during six years being principal of the Commercial Point schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had one daughter, Nellie, who was graduated from the Commercial Point High School in 1905. Since the death of Professor Lewis, his widow and daughter have resided with Mr. Mitchell and his mother, in Scioto township.

William M. Mitchell was educated in the township schools and was 11 years old when his father located on our subject's present farm

in Scioto township. At first but 17 acres were purchased; to this nucleus of an estate, land was gradually added, sometimes but one acre at a time, until, by 1894, the farm contained 85 acres. To this our subject added until his land aggregated 135 acres, and here he carries on mixed farming and gives much attention to the raising of stock, particularly hogs. He is interested in contracting work and runs four teams. His interests are largely agricultural. He recently returned from an extensive trip through various parts of the West and South, being one of a party seeking information and chances for investments. The itinerary took them through the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Southern Texas and Mr. Mitchell found much to interest him in the great ranches near Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi and all through that region.

In political sentiment Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat and has served as a delegate to both county and State conventions. He attended the State convention that nominated the late Governor Pattison, and rarely misses a county convention, usually being a delegate. He served two terms of three years each as township trustee and during his incumbency many important improvements were brought about.

Mr. Mitchell is one of Pickaway County's most successful farmers and ranks with her most representative citizens. With the exception of one year spent in Connecticut, Mr. Mitchell has resided in his present home continuously for almost 40 years and probably no citizen in his locality is held in higher personal esteem.



HENRY SCHLEYER, one of the leading merchants at Circleville, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, April 14, 1850, and is a son of the late John F. Schleyer, one of the city's old business men.

Henry Schleyer was 13 years old when his parents moved to Circleville, where he completed his common school education. He then learned the tinner's trade with Peter Kinnney and followed the same for some 12 years. For

one year he was engaged in a dry goods business and then became associated with his father in the grocery line. Later the firm became J. F. Schleyer and they turned their attention to the coal trade. Mr. Schleyer has been in the coal business for himself ever since the death of his father.

On October 5, 1880, Mr. Schleyer was married to Mary F. Fellers, who is a daughter of Martin Fellers, who was an early settler and a substantial farmer of Pickaway County. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schleyer, namely: Anna M., Jennie Florence, Turney R., who is in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and is located in Arkansas; Elizabeth and May.

Mr. Schleyer is one of the city's representative men. For nine years he was a member of the Board of Equalization of Circleville, and was a member of the last decennial board. He belongs to the National Union. Mr. Schleyer is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH M. CROW, deceased, was a citizen of Pickaway township, who enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens among whom a long and exemplary life was spent. Mr. Crow was born March 20, 1827, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and died July 18, 1898. He was a son of David and Mary (Conley) Crow.

David Crow, who was born in Pennsylvania, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He enlisted as a blacksmith and repaired guns as well as attended to general blacksmithing work. After the war he entered land from the government in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, as one of the pioneers. The Indians very often had him repair their guns. He established a home here, married Mary Conley, a native of Maryland, and here spent his whole life, rearing his family, developing his land and accumulating a competency.

The late Joseph M. Crow was reared on his father's pioneer farm and in his youth attended the district schools in which the foundation of his education was laid. His whole life

was devoted to farming and stock-raising and at death he was able to leave 114 acres of well-cultivated land to his family. This valuable farm is situated near Salem, in Pickaway township, and it is still occupied by Mrs. Crow and is managed by her son, Harley W. Mrs. Crow's daughter, Lovella M., resides with her mother and brother on the homestead. She is an accomplished lady and has officiated for a number of years as organist of the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church. The other son, William A., lives at Dayton, Ohio.

On January 1, 1856, Joseph M. Crow was united in marriage with Amanda May, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, June 15, 1834, and is a daughter of Samuel and Charity (Long) May. Samuel May was born in Pennsylvania and was a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting in the commissary department; his wife was born in Canada. They accompanied their respective parents to Ross County, where they made early settlement.

In his political creed, Mr. Crow was a Republican, but he was in no way bigoted and frequently cast his vote, in local matters, more for the man than for the party. He was one of the leading members of the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a trustee, steward and class leader. He was an honorable and upright man, one who lived up to his convictions and one whose fellow-citizens were always ready to take his word as quickly as another man's bond. He was a worthy member of one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of the county.

DAVID K. WILSON, assistant cashier of the Salt Creek Valley Bank, at Laurelville, and a representative farmer and stock-raiser of Salt Creek township, was born on the farm near Tarlton, Ohio, on which he resides and which he now owns, on November 6, 1843, and is a son of Hugh and Magdalena (Kinnear) Wilson.

Hugh Wilson was of Scotch extraction and was born in the North of Ireland. He accom-

panied his father, John Wilson, to America and the family lived for a time in Pennsylvania and then came to this section of Ohio. Hugh Wilson became one of Salt Creek township's reliable and substantial citizens. He served as township trustee and at one time was a member of the Ohio State militia, in which he served as captain of a company of light horse. He married Magdalena Kinnear, who was a daughter of Judge David Kinnear, who was a prominent resident of Pickaway township, Pickaway County, and served as associate judge in the county. The two surviving children of Hugh Wilson and wife are: David K., of this sketch; and Josephine, who is the wife of George R. Baker, of Mount Vernon, Ohio. Hugh Wilson was identified with the Republican party at the time of his death. Throughout life he had been a public-spirited, law-abiding citizen. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Tarlton and was in good standing at the time of his death, in October, 1875.

David K. Wilson was reared in Salt Creek township and was educated in the public schools at Tarlton. Since the age of 18 years he has practically managed the farm, relieving his father of active superintendence many years before the latter's death. This is a fine property and is well adapted to general farming and stock-raising. It comprises 275 acres.

In 1870 Mr. Wilson was married (first) to Jennie Williams, who was a native of Fairfield County, Ohio. She became the mother of five children, viz.: Frank K., William H. (deceased), Leslie D., Charles A. and Ross D. Mr. Wilson was married (second) to Ada Burget, of Circleville, Ohio.

For nine years Mr. Wilson served as a director of the Tarlton Special School District and during this period was treasurer of the board. In addition to his agricultural interests, Mr. Wilson is concerned in the leading financial institution at Laurelville, to the management of which he devotes a portion of his time. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, and is connected with the Tarlton lodge. Politically he is a Republican. Religiously he is a Methodist, belonging to the church at Tarlton, and

is a liberal supporter of its various benevolent enterprises, including both home and foreign missions.



ES. NEUDING, a leading grocer of Circleville, but prominent also in other lines of business and influential in public, religious and fraternal circles, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 26, 1866. He is the third child in a family of six children born to J. F. and Harriet (Brown) Neuding, the other members being: Amos H., a resident of Columbus, Ohio; William H., of Circleville; L. Howard, also of this place; Dora E., wife of Harry C. Baker, both living in Circleville; and E. Frederick Neuding, employed in the grocery of his brother, E. S. Neuding. The father was one of the pioneers of Pickaway County, coming in the early '40's and engaging for many years in the music business.

When he was six years of age, the parents of our subject located in Circleville, where the boy was reared and educated. For 10 years after leaving school, he was employed as a clerk in a grocery store, and in 1870, under the firm name of Neuding & Christy, entered the field as a proprietor. The association continued for about two years, when the senior partner purchased Mr. Christy's interest, and has since conducted and developed the business alone. Besides having firmly established himself as one of the leading grocers in this section of the county, Mr. Neuding is an influential factor in several important industries. He is secretary and treasurer of the Circleville Sealing Wax Company, and is one of the directors of the Circleville Ice Company and the New Home Building & Loan Company.

In fraternal circles Mr. Neuding has acquired an especially high standing, being a Royal Arch Mason. He also has an honorable identification with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Foresters, and is banker of the Woodmen of the World, his high standing, as well as executive force of character, being recognized by his service on the board

of directors of both the Pythian Castle Association and the Masonic Temple Association.

In his relation to the public affairs of his township and county, Mr. Neuding has shown the same adaptability and ability which have marked his management of all interests entrusted to him. Politically he is a Democrat. He served as treasurer of Circleville township from 1893 to 1901 and his record in that capacity was so generally satisfactory that he was advanced to the county treasurership, where he served two terms of two years each, having been elected in 1900 and 1902.

In 1891 E. S. Neuding was united in marriage with Mary H. Jones, daughter of Nathan Jones, deceased, formerly a well-known business man of New Holland, Ohio. They are the parents of two children—Helen and Lucile. Mr. Neuding has long been a pillar of the United Brethren Church. In the local organization he is trustee, general steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and during the erection of the new church in 1898 was a member of the building committee, of which he was treasurer and also general church treasurer. In the broader affairs of the denomination, he served as a delegate to the general conferences held at Frederick, Maryland, in 1901, and at Topeka, Kansas, in 1905. He was also a delegate to the national tri-council of the United Brethren, Congregational and Protestant Methodist churches, held at Dayton, Ohio, in February, 1906.



M. GOLDFREDRICK, dealer in fancy and staple groceries at Circleville, and one of the city's representative business men, was born in this city in 1864, and is a son of C. R. Goldfredrick. The latter was born in Germany and in 1862 he located at Circleville where he was engaged in a grocery business for almost 40 years. In 1900 he retired and is now enjoying a life of ease, having reached the age of 70 years. He married Cecelia Stelzig, who was also born in Germany, but who has now passed away.

H. M. Goldfredrick was reared and educated in Circleville. After leaving school he entered his father's grocery store, in which he later became a partner and assumed full control when his father retired in 1900. He is a very enterprising and progressive young man and is highly considered in the city's commercial circles.

In 1887 Mr. Goldfredrick was married to Alice Dunkle, a daughter of George S. Dunkle, of Yellow Bud, Pickaway County. One daughter, Clara, has been born to this union, a talented young lady who will graduate at the Everts High School in the graduating class of June, 1906.

Mr. Goldfredrick is interested in various business enterprises here, owning stock in the Circleville Savings Company and being one of the promoters and organizers of the new artificial ice plant.



MELVEN HINSON, a capable and successful farmer who operates the Millar farm of 650 acres in Harrison township, was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 12, 1849. He was reared on a farm and with the exception of a short period of work in a tannery he has followed agricultural pursuits his entire life.

Mr. Hinson's ancestry is of the South, his grandfather being a Virginian and his grandmother a native of Scotland, who came to South Carolina when quite young. While they were still children, their families migrated to Ohio, and they reached maturity, met, married and finally settled at Richmondale, Ross County, Ohio. Their homestead still remains as one of the old landmarks of that section. It was at this place that the good old couple passed their last days, the husband dying at the age of 80 years, and the wife when 84 years of age.

The father of our subject, who died in 1885, at the age of 75, and the mother, who passed away in the same year at 76, were the parents of 12 children, the following six of

whom are still living: Allen and Titus, who are residents of Illinois; Emza who resides in Ross County, Ohio, on the old home place; Melven; and Marvin and Raymond, who both live in Ross County—the latter near Richmondale.

Our subject passed his earlier years in Ross County, and after leaving Richmondale resided two years in Pike County. For the succeeding 10 years he was a substantial farmer citizen of Scioto County, this State, and in the fall of 1887 located permanently in Pickaway County. Mr. Hinson was associated with Charles Frye for about three years, and in 1892 moved to the Millar farm of 650 acres, upon which he resides and which he has operated with great success. He has 125 acres in wheat, 215 in corn and 30 in grass. Considerable live stock is raised and fed. In 1905 Mr. Hinson grew 8,000 bushels of corn and about 1,800 of wheat, and in his various agricultural operations employed seven teams constantly. He raises on an average 60 head of hogs and feeds 30 head of cattle.

Melven Hinson's wife, to whom he was married December 25, 1869, was formerly Nancy Darr, daughter of Jacob Darr. They have the following 10 children, all living: Carrie Belle, wife of James Shook, a successful farmer in Nebraska; Charles, who married Daisy Miller, daughter of John Miller and resides on the farm with his father; Effie, living at home; Andrew, a resident of Chicago, who married Nettie Wellington; Alfred, also living on the home farm; Harmon, connected with the United States Navy; Emery E., a resident of Indiana; Maria Jane and Mary Frances (twins), the former of whom is the wife of Albert James and a resident of Columbus; and Bessie, who lives at home with her parents.

Mr. Hinson has been a member of the Knights of the Maccabees since 1895, and three of his sons are identified with the same order. He has been a consistent Republican, but neither politics nor fraternities have drawn much of his attention from his lifelong avocation of husbandry, in which he has been so successful and continuously progressive.



ROBERT C. HILL, a prominent resident and a trustee of Muhlenberg township, where he owns a farm of 50 acres, was born on this farm on September 8, 1851, and is a son of Thomas and Julia A. (Sharp) Hill.

Capt. William Hill, the paternal grandfather, was born in Virginia and came in 1815 to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he died in advanced age. He was the first magistrate in Muhlenberg township and was a man of prominence and substance, owning some 700 acres of land which in 1847 he divided among the six of his eight children that grew to maturity.

Thomas Hill, father of our subject, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, February 21, 1807, and came here with his parents in 1815, where he spent the rest of his life, dying here September 10, 1885. He owned an estate consisting of about 215 acres of land and for about a quarter of a century was trustee of Muhlenberg township. Politically he was a Whig and later a Republican. Both he and his wife were Baptists. He married Julia A. Sharp, who was born in the State of New York, July 1, 1813, and came with her parents and a sister, to Westerville, Ohio. She died in Muhlenberg township May 16, 1895. Nine of their 10 children grew to maturity and are still living. The record is as follows: Mrs. Margaret Darst, of Muhlenberg township; Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteside, of Darby township; Mrs. Mary Bolin, of Darbyville; Mrs. Ellen McKinley, of Franklin County; William C., of Jackson township; Mrs. Matilda Wilson, of White County, Indiana; Robert C., of this sketch; Ezra Florence, of Darbyville; Mrs. Sarah Stiverson, of Columbus; and Marcus, who died aged three years.

Robert C. Hill is one of the best known residents of Muhlenberg township, having spent his whole life here, one of activity and usefulness. In addition to farming his own land, he operates a farm of 97 acres adjoining his own, which belongs to an aunt. For the past 28 years he has practiced veterinary surgery, although he never attended any school, doing all his reading by himself. He has filled a number of the important township offices and

served one term as a justice of the peace. As a Republican he was elected assessor of the township for three terms and after 1886, when he became identified with the Democratic party, he continued to be elected to office. He was reared a Republican, his father having voted for Lincoln in 1860 and supported the principles of the Republican party until his death.

On May 10, 1893, Mr. Hill was elected trustee of the township and served as such for nine consecutive years. In the fall of 1905 he was again elected to this office. He has been a member of the School Board for six years, and for three years has been road supervisor. For 27 years he has been officially connected with Muhlenberg township.

In 1874 Robert C. Hill was married to Mary E. Wilson, who was born in Scioto township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 11, 1854, and is a daughter of James and Anna (Hite) Wilson. Her paternal grandfather served in the War of 1812 and she has one of the old camp kettles he used when campaigning. One of her uncles, Hon. John Sites, was a member of the Ohio State Senate and she had the pleasure of hearing him make a memorable speech in 1896, at Columbus, being then in his 80th year. Her mother died when she was four years old and she was reared in the family of an uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have four children, viz.: Thomas, born November 20, 1874; Harry M., born December 29, 1876; Clarence V., born September 2, 1881, who died June 10, 1905; and Addie R., born August 14, 1891.

Mr. Hill gave liberal assistance in the building of Florence Chapel Presbyterian Church and was one of the trustees. Recently he has united with the Darbyville Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHAN W. WOLFORD, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Pickaway County, whose well-improved farm of 191 acres is favorably located in Jackson township, on the old Columbus road, six miles northwest of Circleville, was born near Marietta, Ohio, January 11, 1856,

and is a son of Isaac and Nancy (Price) Wolford.

Isaac Wolford and family moved from Marietta to a farm in Ross County about 1868, living there until 1873, when removal was made to a farm in Harrison township, Pickaway County, on which Mrs. Wolford died, at the age of 58 years. Mr. Wolford has reached his 80th birthday and now lives retired at Ashville. Until within a few years he followed agricultural pursuits. His children were: Mrs. Mary Jane Green, of Ashville; Mrs. Sarah Ann Barkley, of Hardin County; James Wesley, deceased; Mrs. Martha Ellen Dixon, of Chillicothe; John W., of this sketch; Charles, of Columbus; Jared, of Harrison township; Mrs. Susannah Margaret Hoffman, of South Bloomfield; and a child that died in infancy.

John W. Wolford was 12 years old when his parents settled on the farm in Ross County, some 10 miles east of Chillicothe. He accompanied them to Harrison township and remained on the home farm until his marriage, assisting in the work. Following this event, he rented a farm in Scioto township and later moved to other farms in the county, in the meantime making preparations to purchase when the land he desired came into the market. In 1901 he bought his present farm which was then totally unimproved but otherwise was very desirable. Mr. Wolford has made all the improvements now to be seen, erected buildings, made fences and set out orchards, in fact converted the farm into one of the most valuable properties in his locality. He devotes his attention to the growing of grain and to the raising of stock.

In 1880 Mr. Wolford was united in marriage with Mary Crowman, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and died on March 17, 1904, aged 49 years. Her parents were William and Nancy (Hershaw) Crowman. Mrs. Wolford left five children at death, namely: Isaac, Samuel, Ethel, James and John. Ethel married Wales Florence, of Jackson township and they are the parents of one child—Nelson.

Mr. Wolford is a Republican in politics.



SAMUEL HARVEY RIDGWAY.



MRS. CLARA C. RIDGWAY.



HARRY R. RIDGWAY.



RAY C. RIDGWAY.

He is a self-made man. When he looks over his fine farm, notes its improvements and counts his sleek cattle in many fields, he has the proud satisfaction of knowing that every dollar represented he has laboriously and honestly earned. He has always been frugal and industrious and is now in a position to enjoy the fruits of his labor when he desires.



SAMUEL HARVEY RIDGWAY, whose two fine farms in Pickaway County aggregate 308 acres of excellent land, is a highly respected and substantial citizen of Darby township. He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, June 8, 1857, and is a son of Thomas D. and Rebecca A. (Smith) Ridgway.

The Ridgways originally belonged to Kentucky and from that State Joshua Ridgway, the grandfather of our subject, emigrated to Ohio when his son Thomas D., was three years old. He settled near Chillicothe and reared a large family, among whom were: Samuel H., who organized a company and served through the Civil War; Alexander; Kane; Mary; and Thomas D.

Thomas D. Ridgway was reared in Ohio and when he reached maturity married Rebecca A. Smith, the ceremony taking place on the old Smith farm, in Darby township, which now belongs to Richard N. Dick. She was a daughter of Sampson B. and Margaret (Hill) Smith, who shortly after their marriage came to Ohio from Maryland and settled in Pickaway County. The larger number of their children were born in Ohio. The eldest was Rebecca A., mother of our subject, and the others were: Martha, who married Woodson J. Shockly; Elizabeth, who married (first) Lewis Ballah and (second) Martin Bailey; Editha M., who married Richard N. Dick and died February 24, 1905; Polly, who died in young womanhood; George, who married Ellen McGillen; William, who married Nancy Polson; Isaac, deceased; and Samuel, who married Martha M. Dick and now resides

near Derby—one of their sons is Dr. Charles Smith, who is a member of the Oregon State Senate.

After marriage, Thomas D. Ridgway bought the farm in Darby township now owned by T. Stanton Ridgway, and there the larger number of his children were born, these being: Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of J. T. Smith, also deceased; Smith, who died in February, 1906; George W., who married Mrs. Amanda Shriner and is in business at Columbus; Alice, formerly postmistress at Derby, who was married in the spring of 1906 to A. E. Brown and died soon after her marriage, on June 9, 1906; Newton, who died aged 20 years; T. Stanton, one of the trustees of Darby township, who married Margaret Bauhan and owns and operates the old home farm; and Samuel Harvey, of this sketch, who is the youngest of the family.


Samuel Harvey Ridgway was reared in his native township and was educated in the local schools. He remained on the home farm until his marriage in 1884 and was engaged in farming on the homestead until after the birth of his first child, moving then to Derby, where he embarked, with his brother, in a general mercantile business. This enterprise was conducted for the succeeding 11 years, although during all this period Mr. Ridgway was also engaged more or less in agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he purchased a farm near Era, on which he lived for three years and then purchased his present property. In 1898 he bought the home farm from A. L. Linebaugh, and the rest of his land from different parties—Henry Sterns, Hannah McKinney, G. M. Starks and Martha Holtz. The home farm had a comfortable residence on it and this Mr. Ridgway has remodeled and improved so that it is very attractive and makes an excellent home.

In 1884 Mr. Ridgway was married to Clara K. Caldwell, who is a daughter of John H. Caldwell, an old pioneer of the county. She has two sisters and three brothers, namely: Jennie, wife of William Huffvines; Cynthia, who married Simon Girton—both now deceased; James, who married Susana Huffvines;

Charles, who married Millie Smith; and Joseph H., who married Hattie Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway have two sons—Harry R. and Ray C., both of whom reside at home. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway and their two sons accompany this sketch.

Mr. Ridgway was one of the founders of the old Renick Church which has been recently torn down. He is a director of Pleasant Cemetery, at Palestine, has served as president of the School Board and for many years has taken an active part in everything calculated to promote the welfare of the community. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

HOMAS BLACKSTONE, M. D., who for 27 years has been one of the leading medical practitioners at Circleville, was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1847, and is a son of Thomas Blackstone, also a native of Ross County, where he was an extensive farmer for years.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county and his early education was secured in the public schools. The higher branches were pursued at the Ohio University at Athens, where he was graduated in 1871, with the degree of B. S. Immediately afterward, he entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, probably one of the best training schools in the world. Here he was graduated and received his medical degree and then accepted the position of medical assistant in the Athens Hospital for the Insane, where he remained for four years.


Dr. Blackstone then took a trip to Europe, in the interests of his profession, and spent three months in the great schools at Vienna, four months walking the London hospitals, and when he returned to his native country he had had experiences which he could have scarcely found in any other way and additions to his medical knowledge which have resulted to the benefit of his many patients. He has been located at Circleville ever since and is

recognized as one of the most eminent men of his profession here.

Dr. Blackstone is one of the trustees of the Ohio University at Athens, is vice-president of the Public Library Board and is deeply interested in the progress and development of his city and country along educational lines. Politically he is identified with the Republican party and on several occasions has been put forward as his party's candidate for high State offices. He is a very popular man—but Pickaway County has a very large Democratic majority.

In 1884 Dr. Blackstone was married to Lizzie Carpenter, a daughter of Cephas Carpenter, of Athens, Ohio.

Dr. Blackstone is prominent in Masonry in Ohio, being a Knight Templar and for four years was district lecturer for the fraternity. He stands deservedly high in both fraternal and professional life and numbers his friends among the best citizenship of Circleville.

HARLES PIERCE REAY, a leading farmer and citizen of Darby township, and one of the oldest members (in length of service), of its School Board, is the owner of 53½ acres of farm land on the Columbus and Washington turnpike. He is a grandson of John Neff, of Virginia, the father of a large family, whose daughter Elizabeth married John Otho Reay, the father of our subject. Before her marriage, her parents came to Ohio, making the journey from their native State in a covered wagon. The family settled on a farm of 113 acres in Pickaway and Madison counties, the county line running through the farm. Here John Neff lived to the end of his life, and at his death left the property to his son Peter. It was while living here that his daughter Elizabeth was married to John Otho Reay, whom she had met in Virginia and who had also come to make his home in Ohio. After a brief married life, his first wife had died in the former State. He was a shoemaker by

trade, but his eyesight failing he had been obliged to abandon that calling and resort to farming.

When John O. Reay, the father of our subject, came to Ohio he purchased a tract of brush and swamp land, partly from Michael Collins and partly from Joseph Bridges. This was the foundation of the nice homestead now occupied by Charles P. Reay, who since it came into his possession (in 1884) has cleared 25 acres of the land and radically improved it, making it both attractive and productive.

To John Otho and Elizabeth (Neff) Reay were born seven children, viz.: Mary, who died when an infant; George, who died at the age of seven years; Jane, deceased at the age of five; John W., who married Sarah Elizabeth Wickell; Charles P.; Henry Thornton, who married (first) Ina Ketchum and (second) Mrs. Elliott Davis, a widow; and Sarah, who became the wife of James Hughes. Both parents of our subject are dead. The father was born January 23, 1799, and died on the 26th of February, 1884; the mother was born December 24, 1818, and passed away June 26, 1902. Both died in Darby township.

Charles P. Reay was born on the farm where he now resides, on September 22, 1852. On January 22, 1873, at Mount Sterling, Ohio, he married Jennie Lyons, daughter of James and Mary (Justice Lyons, of Ohio). The other members in the family of Mrs. Reay's parents were: Terry, who married Araminta Johnson and is now deceased; Stephen J., who died unmarried at 44 years of age; Ella, who married Samuel Bennett and died in Missouri; Nelson, unmarried; Benton, who married the late Mrs. Neff, the widow of Charles P. Reay's first cousin; George, whose wife, Nancy Richardson, is deceased; William, who married (first) Anna Shade (deceased) and (second) Elizabeth Pemberton; John, who married Mary Weir; and Alice, who lives with her mother at Derby. Mrs. Reay's mother is still living; her father died at Newport, Madison County, Ohio, on the 3rd of June, 1901.

Eight children have been born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Reay, as follows: Bertha, who became the wife of William A. Johnson; Mary, who became the wife

of Harold Winfough; Elta, who married John Tracy and became the mother of three children—Ray, Harold and Gwynette; Minnie, who married Elmer Stuckey and is the mother of a son—Charles, the namesake of our subject; John, who married Estella Collopy, and Ursula, Velsa and Emory, who live at home.

Mr. Reay's standing in the community and the township may be partially indicated by the fact that he has served for a period of 20 years on the School Board, a record which is excelled by few in the county. He has also been township trustee for six years. His fraternal connections are confined to membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his church identification is with the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

LEWIS JUDSON LONG, a trustee of Monroe township, a representative citizen and successful farmer and stock-raiser, resides on his farm of 51 acres, which is situated on the Lester mill road. Mr. Long is a member of a well-known family of this vicinity. He was born on his father's farm in Monroe township, April 8, 1853, and is a son of James Maloid and Mary Ann (Hunter) Long.

The Long family came from Maryland to Ohio in 1816. James M. Long, father of our subject, was then four years old. The family set out in a wagon and when they reached the Ohio River went on board a flatboat; while floating to their landing, the mother died. It was impossible to return to the old home and thus the mortal remains of the grandmother rest in an unknown spot. The grandfather kept on his way and settled with his children on a farm in Ross County, Ohio, but only for a short time. Grandfather Long soon removed to Pickaway County and rented a farm in Monroe township, not far from Five Points, on which stood an old log cabin, and in this he died. The remembered names of his children are: Mrs. Hand, Kendall, Coleman and James.

James M. Long purchased 100 acres of land near Five Points and this became the family homestead. This was about 1852, when land

was cheap. He possessed considerable business foresight and, although he could only manage at first to take care of the interest, he believed that by industry and good management he could clear off the principal in the time required by the party from whom he purchased. It was a pretty large undertaking for a poor man, but he succeeded in doing it without ever placing a mortgage on his property, of which he was always proud. When he died he left an estate of 400 acres, which represented years of honest industry. Mr. Long realized a great deal of money from the raising of cattle and hogs, particularly the latter. In 1865, just at the close of the Civil War, when prices were inflated, he was fortunate enough to have a fine lot of hogs and these he shipped to Cincinnati and sold them for \$16 a hundred weight and for one dressed hog he received the sum of \$75. From this industry he realized enough to complete the payments on his farm bought in 1852. When he first took possession, the country throughout this section was all wild, turkeys and deer being yet plentiful and there was no difficulty found in filling the larder with game. He died in 1891, at the age of 79 years and was laid away to rest in Pleasant Cemetery at Palestine. He was a man of business uprightness, one whose word, at all times, was as good as his bond.

James M. Long was married (first) to a Miss Wilkins. They had one son, William, who married Mary Briggs and settled in Ross County, Ohio. Both William Long and his wife are deceased and they are survived by one son, John B. Long, who is clerk of Concord township, Ross County.

After the death of his first wife, James Long married a Miss Maddox, and two children were born to this marriage, Hester Ann and Wesley. The latter died aged 27 years. The former married George Ridgway, and she now resides with her daughter, on the home place.

After the death of his second wife, Mr. Long married (third) Mary Ann Hunter, and nine children were born to this last union, as follows: Mary V., widow of John W. Puckett, living in Darby township; James R., who married Elizabeth Worth, now deceased, living

on the home farm; Ellen, who married John White and lives in Muhlenberg township; Margaret, who married Daniel Boissell and lives in Madison County, Ohio; Kendall and McCury (twins), the former of whom married Elizabeth Upperman, moved to the Indian Territory and died there while engaged in constructing a bridge—the latter, McCury, became the wife of Samuel Boyd, reared a large family and finally died on her farm in Madison County, Ohio; Edward J., who married Emma Kelly and lives on what is known as the lower farm on his father's old estate; Benjamin Brough, named in honor of Hon. John Brough, Governor of Ohio, who is a justice of the peace in Oak Run township, Madison County, Ohio—he married Rose Rector; and Lewis Judson, of this sketch, who was born on his father's birthday.

Lewis Judson Long obtained his early education in an old log schoolhouse in the neighborhood of his home and sat on a rough slab bench while he studied his spelling and learned the elements of arithmetic. At home there was always plenty of farm work and after finishing his schooling he worked for his father until 1880, living at home until his marriage. He then settled on his present farm, a part of which he purchased from the Clifton estate and a part of which he inherited. An old house was standing on the property when he came here, but arrangements were soon in progress for the erection of the elegant new home, which was completed in 1903. It is a frame structure and is built in a most substantial manner; it is surrounded by beautiful shade trees and presents a most attractive appearance. The old orchard, which Mr. Long preserves by replacing worn-out trees, stands to one side and, even when it is not in bloom or in fruit, still looks thrifty and homelike. His land is favorably located near the Era and Williamsport turnpike, on the Lester mill road. He carries on general farming and stock-raising.

On January 28, 1880, Mr. Long was married to Jennie Winfough, who was born August 21, 1858, at Colton, Jackson County, Ohio. She is a daughter of John and Phoebe (Leach) Winfough, the former of whom was

a son of Frederick Winfough. On the maternal side, the grandparents of Mrs. Long were Ambrose and Tabitha (Westfall) Leach. Ambrose Leach was born in Virginia and was an early settler in Jackson County, Ohio. The parents of Mrs. Long had eight children, as follows: William R., who married Mary Wehe and lives at Five Points; Ambrose, who married Nancy I. Crawford and lives at Five Points; Lyla, deceased, who married Ira Gulick; John, who married Mary Anderson and lives at Five Points; Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of Smith Castle; Anna Eliza, who died aged two and a half years; and Jennie (Mrs. Long).

Mr. and Mrs. Long have had three children, namely: Harry, born September 19, 1880, who married Gertrude Atkins and is the popular teacher of the home school in District No. 8; Pearl, born June 28, 1884, who assists his father on the home farm; and Clyde, born August 11, 1889, who was killed by a runaway horse on August 10, 1901.

Mr. Long is one of the leading Republicans of Monroe township and has held a number of the local offices. He has served as school director for a long time, elected first when but one was required for District No. 8, the number now being three. He has always taken a deep interest in the township schools and has done all in his power to make them effective. Since 1901 he has been township trustee, he being the first Republican to be elected to the office in his township for a number of years. When he was elected the second time he was on the ticket with President Roosevelt, who, according to his political sentiments, was pretty good company.



OSCAR HOWARD DUNTON, M. E., M. D., one of the leading practitioners of medicine at Circleville, where he has been located for the past 12 years, was born at Hampden, Penobscot County, Maine, in 1858, and is a son of James Dunton, Jr., a sea captain and shipbuilder. Captain Dunton was a descendant of an old French Huguenot family (pronounced Dun-

tin), of whom six brothers came to America back in the colonial days, driven from France at the time of the Huguenot war, and were associated with much of this country's history in her struggles for independence in 1776 and 1812.

James Dunton, Jr., grandfather of Dr. O. H. Dunton, married Polly Patterson, a daughter of Capt. Andrew Patterson, mariner, of Hampden, Maine, whose wife was Sarah Ropha, a descendant of an old English family (titled). She (Sarah Ropha), when 14 years of age, in 1749, came with two brothers from London, England, to Bristol, Rhode Island. Later she received a legacy from the heirs in London, but before she had an opportunity to obtain possession of the estate, the title, together with the coat of arms, was destroyed by fire at Caseo (now called Portland), Maine.

Dr. Dunton's mother was Dorothy Ann Weeks, daughter of John Weeks, of Tamworth, New Hampshire—a lineal descendant of an old English family, early domiciled in New England.

Oscar Howard Dunton was reared in his native State, his early boyhood being passed on his father's farm, and was educated at Hampden Academy and the University of Maine. At the age of 16, without the consent of his parents, he shipped as a sailor on a merchant vessel from Bangor, Maine, to Gloucester, Massachusetts, where he experienced the hardships of a coasting vessel. One trip sufficed to cool his ardor, after which he settled down to educate himself for his chosen profession.

As there was a large family (he is one of a family of nine children, three sons and six daughters, most of whom reside in Maine and Massachusetts) the means with which to secure his education were obtained from teaching school, working on the farm and conducting night schools in penmanship, at the same time assiduously employing all his leisure hours in study. Those strong qualities of determination and perseverance, early developed in his character, nurtured by that New England atmosphere, were potent factors in the achieve-

ment of his aim to obtain a higher education and fit himself for a profession. He was for one year associated with Prof. A. R. Dunton (originator of the "Duntonian System of Penmanship," which for years was the leading system taught in the public schools of New England), as instructor in penmanship in the public schools of Camden, Maine. This position he resigned to enter the University of Maine, from which he was graduated in the department of mechanical engineering in 1882. He followed this profession, being employed by some of the largest engine and steam-pump builders of New York and New England as designer and draughtsman. As an inventor, he has added quite a number of practical inventions to the mechanical world.

After some eight years of successful engineering, followed by a six-months trip to the Argentine Republic, South America, for study and recreation, he decided to take up the study of medicine under Dr. J. R. Buchanon, of Boston, Massachusetts, and later entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended lectures through the sessions of 1891-92. Following this came attendance at Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he was graduated in 1893.

Until he came to Circleville in 1894, Dr. Dunton practiced his profession in Champaign County, Ohio. He has built up a large and satisfactory practice in Circleville, and stands as one of the city's reliable professional men. He is known to the community at large as a zealous, upright and indefatigable promoter of the public welfare. As the president of the County Board of Visitors, he has taken great interest in the work of charities and corrections, and several times has been the delegate from Pickaway County to the National and State conferences of charities and corrections.

Dr. Dunton was married June 14, 1888, to Lizzie M. Adams, of Providence, Rhode Island, who died in August, 1889; their baby daughter, aged three days, died a few days before the mother. Dr. Dunton was married September 1, 1892, to Florence Nightengale, a daughter of Sewell and Ellen (Marlitt) Nightengale. Mrs. Dunton's father was one

of the early pioneers of Circleville and operated the stage route from Portsmouth to Columbus. Dr. and Mrs. Dunton have had five children, namely: Dorothy Ellen, born October 23, 1893, deceased May 30, 1899; Sewell Nightengale, born December 9, 1894; Florence Nightengale, born February 11, 1897; James Gerald, born November 10, 1899; and Sidner Howard, born January 14, 1903, deceased March 2, 1903.

Dr. Dunton is a member of the Pickaway County Medical Society, the Columbus Academy of Medicine and the Ohio State Medical Society. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees.



WILLIAM M. GRAHAM, whose fine farm of 90½ acres of valuable land, all in one body, is situated on the Federal road, on Darby Creek, in Muhlenberg township, was born near Cook's Station, Fayette County, Ohio, May 13, 1845, and is a son of William and Harriet (Crab) Graham.

William Graham was born in Delaware, and his wife in Ohio. They were married in Fayette County, Ohio, later came to Pickaway County and still later moved to Benton County, Indiana, where both died when about 80 years of age. They were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had 11 children, all of whom lived to maturity, the youngest death being at the age of 21 years. The children were: John, deceased, who fought for the Union in the Civil War; James, deceased; Mrs. Nancy Lamb, deceased; George, deceased; Mrs. Ann Hogg, deceased; Thomas L., of Muhlenberg township; Mrs. Mary Self, of Madison County, Ohio; Benjamin, deceased; Nelson and Mrs. Cordelia Bowman, both residents of Benton County, Indiana; and William M., of this sketch.

William M. Graham was seven years old when his parents came to Pickaway County, settling in 1852 in Monroe township. Later removal was made to Darby township, where our subject lived until he was 19 years of age.

He then accompanied his parents to Franklin County, Ohio. After living there one year, he enlisted in the Union Army, on August 5, 1864, entering Company K, 176th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., the commanding officers of company and regiment being Capt. Arthur W. Chenoweth and Col. E. C. Mason. The regiment was sent to Nashville, Tennessee. Six weeks later Mr. Graham became so violently ill that he was placed in a hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, remained there from December 1, 1864, to March 31, 1865, when he was discharged and he returned to his home.

After his return from the army, Mr. Graham engaged in work by the month, mainly in Fayette County, and also attended school in that county during the winter of 1865-66. In 1869 he married and rented a farm in Monroe township, Pickaway County. Within a year his wife died and he gave up farming for a time. During one summer he engaged in clerking in a country store and during this period he made his home with his brother. After his second marriage, in 1875, he resumed farming, again renting for some years, but in 1888 he purchased a well-located tract of 49½ acres, that being his first purchase of the property included in his present farm. Subsequently he added to it until he now has 90½ acres, and as all of it is in one tract it makes a valuable, easily managed farm. It is well watered by Darby Creek and has proved a profitable investment.

Almost all of the improvements which add to the value and appearance of his farm, Mr. Graham made himself. He dug wells, erected a number of the buildings and set out a fine orchard. When he first located here, he had little capital but he invested it carefully and wisely and it has many times doubled itself since then.

Mr. Graham was married (first), December 29, 1869, to Elizabeth Satchel, who was born in Fayette County, Ohio. His second marriage, in 1875, was to Hannah Gilliland, who was born in Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 18, 1850, and died on the present homestead on March 20, 1898. She was a daughter of Samuel and Malinda (Al-

kire) Gilliland, the former of whom was born in Logan and the latter in Pickaway County. Samuel Gilliland lived in Pickaway County from the age of five years.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Graham were: Mary Lizzie, for nine years a school teacher in Pickaway County, who is the wife of M. C. Edwards, of Derby; Samuel Ross, deceased at the age of nine months; Thomas, a rural mail carrier, who lives at Orient; May, living at home; Warner T., a farmer of Muhlenberg township; Walter G., of Orient, also a rural mail carrier; George, a farmer of Darby township; and Brough, Pearl and Nellie, who live at home.

Mr. Graham has been a lifelong Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Gen. U. S. Grant. He served one year as supervisor of Muhlenberg township, for three years as school director and at present is one of the township trustees. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Darbyville.



MADISON HAMMEL, M. D., one of Circleville's most highly esteemed citizens and for many years a leading practitioner of medicine, was born in this city, December 22, 1840, and is a son of Isaac Hammel.

The father of Dr. Hammel was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and came to Circleville in 1832. He became one of the leading contractors and successful business men of the city and is recalled as a valued citizen. Isaac Hammel was united in marriage in 1837 to Mary Funk, daughter of Abraham Funk. They had seven children, as follows: Catherine, Madison, Mary E., Edson, Caroline, Martha and Daniel.

Madison Hammel attended the schools of Circleville and had completed his majority but a short time before, when he entered the Union Army in 1862, enlisting in Company A, 114th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. He was mustered into the service just prior to being sent to the front, where he took part in the campaigns around

Vicksburg, Mississippi, and participated in many of the great battles in that section, among these being all the leading ones in which his regiment was interested.

After his return from the army, the young soldier began the study of medicine under Drs. Griswold and Wilder, at Circleville, and in 1866 and 1867, was a student in the medical department of the University of Michigan. In 1868 he was graduated and received his degree from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. Dr. Hammel located for practice at Five Points, Pickaway County, and later at Waterloo, but in 1869 he came to Circleville, selecting his old home town as the field of his endeavor. Here he built up and carried on a very extensive practice for many years, only restraining his activities of late years, on account of ill health. He has been president of the Pickaway County Medical Society and is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society. For seven years he served as physician to the County Jail and for eight months to the County Infirmary, resigning the latter position because he could not approve of the manner in which the institution was then managed.

On June 25, 1868, Dr. Hammel was married to Martha A. Summers, who died December 28, 1894. She was a daughter of Henry and Lucy Summers. Mrs. Hammel was a noble, Christian woman who was sadly missed by her family, church and community.

Dr. Hammel is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Circleville. He is a Knight of Pythias and a member of Groce Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Circleville.



G. WILDER, pharmacist and president of the Circleville Business Men's Association, is one of the leading and representative citizens of the town.

He was born at Circleville in 1863 and is a son of Dr. G. A. and Martha (Wilkes) Wilder.

The late Dr. G. A. Wilder was one of Circleville's most prominent citizens. He was born at Buckland, Massachusetts. In young

manhood he came to Circleville and entered a drug store, the one now owned by his son. Subsequently he returned to Massachusetts and was graduated in medicine at the Pittsfield Medical College, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He then returned to Circleville and engaged in the practice of medicine with Dr. Wayne Griswold and attained professional eminence. After a practice of 35 years he passed away in 1898, sincerely mourned by the community. He served as postmaster at Circleville during President Cleveland's first administration, was for some 25 years connected with the public schools as a member of the Board of Education and was prominent in all that served to develop and upbuild the city. Mrs. Wilder died May 22, 1906.

J. G. Wilder was reared and educated at Circleville, being graduated in 1880 from the High School. He immediately entered the drug store of W. W. Ballard and remained there for three years. In 1887 he became proprietor and has continued the business ever since.

In 1904 Mr. Wilder was married to Mary Evans, daughter of Samuel B. Evans, who for years was in a drug business, a member of the firm of Evans & Kimmel. For a quarter of a century, Mr. Evans was identified with educational matters in Circleville, serving on the Board of Education, and also served several terms as county treasurer. He was prominent in Masonry, having taken the 32nd degree.

J. G. Wilder is president of the Business Men's Association, which organization is a very important factor in the city's progress. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.



EDWIN NEWTON, a prominent citizen and substantial farmer of Walnut township, where he owns 290 acres of excellent farming land, was born in Circleville township, Pickaway County, Ohio, December 16, 1845, and is a son of John D. and Laura A. (Peters) Newton.



RESIDENCE AND BARN OF ANDREW HOFFMAN

John D. Newton was born near Fredericksburg, Virginia, and was nine years old when, with his half-brother, Richard Coakley, he came to Pickaway County, Ohio. From the age of nine years he was reared in Walnut township where he attended school. After his marriage he lived for a number of years in Circleville township, engaged in farming, but later he returned to Walnut township, where he died March 4, 1895. He was a man of excellent judgment and business perception and was a leading citizen of Walnut township. He married Laura A. Peters, who still survives. She is a daughter of Absalom Peters, a member of a very prominent Walnut township family. To this union 11 children were born and nine of these survive.

Edwin Newton was reared a farmer boy and attended the district schools of Circleville township. He continued working on the home farm until December 24, 1863, when he enlisted in the Union Army, for a period of three years, although he served only until October 3, 1865, on account of the closing of the war. He was only 18 years old when he entered the army, but no soldier of the 45th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., more bravely bore the necessary hardships or more cheerfully performed his tasks than did this young farmer youth. He was with General Sherman during the Georgia campaign and later was with General Thomas, at Nashville, Tennessee. He was with his regiment also at Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta and other historic spots, and at Nashville was in the thickest of the fight. Despite all these dangers and most especially when he was doing picket duty at Atlanta and in range of the enemy's sharpshooters, he escaped all serious injury and was able to return home and resume his old pursuits.

On July 30, 1868, Mr. Newton was married to Susanna H. Peters, who is a daughter of Gershom and Ann (Walcott) Peters. Their children were seven in number and all are living but the eldest, a son, who died in infancy. The others are as follows: Clinton Elmer, who married Tillie Ann Crites, is in a grain business at Circleville and Columbus and has two children—Edith Florence and Anna Mae; Gershom M., who married Minnie Kraft, has

had one child, now deceased, and resides in Walnut township; Etha Florence, who married Calvin May, and has two children—Frances Erma and Edgar Newton; Urban J., who lives at home; and Eugene Walter, who married Mertie Hoffman, is in the poultry, grain and feed business at Circleville, and has two children—Mary Irene and Meda Elizabeth.

Mr. Newton devotes his large estate and his main energies to the cultivation of wheat and corn, his land responding to his careful cultivation very satisfactorily. In 1880 he erected his present commodious frame dwelling, which is attractive, comfortable and convenient. His other buildings all go to show the presence of a good manager and sensible, thrifty farmer. Mr. Newton, while a Republican, does not take any active interest in political matters; he is always ready to discuss various movements for local improvement.

ANDREW HOFFMAN who owns and operates a farm of 382½ acres in Wayne township, was born April 6, 1858, at Chillicothe, Ohio, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Shnose) Hoffman.

Henry Hoffman, who was born in Germany, came to America when a young man and located at Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was married. After his death, which occurred in Madison County, Ohio, his widow moved to Columbus, where she passed the remainder of her life.

Andrew Hoffman was reared and educated at Chillicothe and at the age of 21 moved to his present home in Wayne township, which his father was at that time renting. He afterward moved to Madison County and lived for five years on a farm which he rented. He then moved to Clark County and rented a farm of 600 acres, where he remained for nine years engaged in farming and in raising hogs and cattle. He then moved to his present home, where he had previously lived and which he had always hoped some day to be able to purchase, which he was able to do upon leaving Clark County.

Mr. Hoffman married Helen Cute, a daughter of Patrick and Catherine Cute, of Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are the parents of five children: Florence, born in Pickaway County, who married Earl Tootle, a son of Wilson Tootle, a resident of Ross County, Ohio, and has one child—Geraldine Helen; William, born in Madison County, who lives at home; John, also born in Madison County, who lives at home; Kathleen, born in Clark County; and Anna, born in Clark County.

Mr. Hoffman is a member of the township Board of Education and is also a township trustee. He and all the members of his family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Circleville. Views of Mr. Hoffman's residence and barn appear on a page in proximity to this.

JEROME SAPP, one of Circleville's old established business men, a large dealer in staple and fancy groceries, was born at Circleville, December 10, 1845, and is a son of John and Susan (Landis) Sapp.

Both the Sapp and Landis families came to Pickaway County from Pennsylvania. Jacob Landis, the maternal grandfather of Jerome Sapp, was prominent in the business life of Circleville for a long period. John Sapp settled at an early day at Circleville, where he was a pioneer in the bakery business and continued the same for an extended period.

Jerome Sapp spent the larger part of his time in school, until he was 13 years of age, when he became self-supporting, working first on a farm and then learning the carpenter's trade. After working at this for eight years, he became a clerk in the grocery store of D. B. Wagner, with whom he remained 14 months, and then entered the employ of Amos Berch, in the same line, with whom he remained something like two years, going then to F. M. Shulze, in the queensware line. After some six years with this employer, he became connected with the firm of Lynch & Weaver in the wholesale and retail grocery line, re-

maining with them for 10 years or until the firm was dissolved and then continued with Mr. Lynch two years longer. In 1891 he embarked in the grocery business for himself, his many years of training serving to make him an excellent judge both of commodities and their handling and also the demands of the public. The latter he has been able to anticipate and to supply, as his abundant returns testify. His business is a leader in the line of staple and fancy groceries at Circleville and he has many country customers whom he has known and served for years. Mr. Sapp located in his present quarters, the Pythian Castle, in 1893.

Mr. Sapp was married June 19, 1880, to Alice Howard, who for nine years was a school teacher in Pickaway County. She is a daughter of Thomas Howard, who was one of the early settlers of Pickaway County. Mr. Howard was born in Ireland and emigrated from his native land in the days when vessels spent many weeks in crossing the Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. Sapp have these children: Elizabeth M., who is living at home with her parents; Nellie, who married Dennis Phillips and lives on a valuable farm on the Pickaway Plains, in Pickaway township; Fannie, who is employed by a telephone company; Margaret, who is her father's bookkeeper; and Howard, who is his father's right-hand man in the business.

As one of the city's reliable, dependable men, Mr. Sapp has long been more or less prominent in public affairs in city and county and on one occasion was brought forward by the Republican party as its preferred candidate for sheriff. Fraternally he is a member of the Foresters and of the Knights of Pythias and has been master of exchequer of the latter organization at Circleville, for the past six years.

GRANVILLE MOODY BULEN, who has resided upon his present farm in Harrison township since 1885, has one of the most valuable and attractive homesteads in Pickaway county, being the owner of 340 acres of land, originally known as the Lincoln Goodale farm. The

property has been in the possession of the Bulen family for 28 years. Mr. Bulen is both a large grain producer and an extensive raiser of livestock. About one-third of his land is given over to the cultivation of corn, his crop averaging 6,500 bushels, and an equal area to wheat and grass, his wheat crop amounting to some 2,000 bushels per annum. His live-stock operations are chiefly in cattle and hogs. He raises and markets about 200 head of hogs per season, and feeds from two to three carloads of cattle in winter. In 1901 Mr. Bulen erected the residence which he now occupies, which is one of the most attractive in Harrison township and adds greatly to the modern and prosperous appearance of the entire homestead. In the agricultural operations on his farm 12 horses are constantly employed, about four teams being used in the direct cultivation of the farm.

Granville M. Bulen was born in Franklin County, Ohio, January 3, 1862, and is a son of William and Mary A. (Thompson) Bulen. The father, a native of England, came to America with his parents when 11 years of age. They lived in Canada for one year and then came to the States, settling at once in Franklin County, Ohio, where William Bulen resided until his death, March 10, 1899, at the age of 77 years. Throughout life he had been engaged in farming. His widow, now in her 82nd year, still resides on the old homestead near Columbus.

On October 3, 1883, Granville M. Bulen was married to Anna M. Barlow, daughter of John Barlow, of Franklin County, Ohio. Three daughters have been born to their union, namely: Grace E., wife of Vause Blake, residing on the farm with her husband and their one child—Lucile Fay Blake; Myrtle M., unmarried, who lives with her parents, and Ada M., deceased in infancy.

In politics our subject is a Republican from the standpoint of national affairs, but in local matters he supports the most honest and capable man, irrespective of party. Since he was 17 years of age he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being at present identified with the organization at Lockbourne.

DILDINE SNYDER, son of one of the early pioneers of Pickaway County and himself a resident of it for three-quarters of a century, is the owner of a fine homestead of about 350 acres in a compact body, situated in section 23, Walnut township. He was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1828, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Solt) Snyder. In 1831, when he was three years of age, his parents with their family removed to Pickaway County, coming from Pennsylvania in covered wagons, and for years after their settlement experiencing all the hardships of pioneer life with the brave spirit which was general in those days, and enjoying also to the utmost its rugged and healthful pleasures.

Mr. Snyder has therefore been reared from infancy in this county. He was educated in its log schoolhouses, passed through all the primitive stages of agricultural development, and emerged a thorough, intelligent farmer. He was married in 1855 to Syrena Walters, daughter of Daniel Walters, and became the father of nine children, six of whom are living. A brief record of the family follows: Sarah, the eldest, who married Daniel Stein, and died when her daughter, Myrtle, was quite young, the latter being adopted by her grandfather (our subject) with whom she still resides; Mary, who became the wife of William May, and is the mother of one son—Roy; Jane, who married Lyman Reigel and has two children—Clarence and Ruth; Emma, who married John May and is the mother of four sons—Ralph, Walter, Alva and Virgil; Clara, who married William Hall and has three children—Ruth, Esther and John; Edson Jerome, the only son of the family, who married Sallie Courtright, and died in 1899; Ada, who married David Belong and has one daughter—Alice; and Ella, who lives at home with her father. The mother of the family died March 21, 1904, and with her passed away one of the noble, pioneer women of the county. Her religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the members of Dildine Snyder's immediate family, three are still living—two brothers—William H. and Wilson—

and a sister—Mrs. Delilah Brown. It may be added that he is a member of the Lutheran Church, and has always been a Democrat. In public affairs he has taken the legitimate interest of a faithful, intelligent citizen and at various times has served as township trustee.

HENRY GUSTAV JOCH, the owner of a fine farm of 153 acres in Salt Creek township, for many years was a leading business man at Tarlton, where he conducted a tannery. He was born March 28, 1836, in a small German principality bordering on the Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, and was a son of Frederick William and Christiana (Neumeister) Joch.

The father of Mr. Joch was an educated man and followed the profession of teacher in his native land. Although Henry Gustav Joch was afforded a good, public school education, he did not adopt his father's calling, his inclinations leading him to learn the excellent trade of tanner and currier, at which he served three and a half years as an apprentice under the instruction of his maternal uncle, Ernest Neumeister. He then traveled as a journeyman for some years through his own country, Austria and Russia, until 1867, when he emigrated to America. He took passage on a steamship at Bremerhaven and within two weeks was landed at the port of New York. He proceeded immediately to Zanesville, Ohio, and found work there at his trade and subsequently married in that city. In 1872 he came to Tarlton, where he operated a tannery for some years and then took charge of his excellent farm in Salt Creek township. He still resides, however, in the village of Tarlton, where he has a handsome home.

At Zanesville, Ohio, on November 7, 1870, Mr. Joch was united in marriage with Johanna Ditmar, who was born in Germany, May 16, 1838. They have four daughters, namely: Anna J., wife of H. E. Defenbaugh; Mary E., of Zanesville; and Sophia P. and Edith F., living at home.

Mr. Joch is one of the leading members of

the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tarlton, in which he is a class leader. His estimable wife is also an active worker in this church. They are well known and enjoy the esteem of many friends and the regard of all who know them. Mr. Joch is a very intelligent man, having traveled extensively in his youth, and has taken an active interest in public affairs and local concerns ever since becoming a respected resident of Pickaway County.

J. BREHMER, florist, at Circleville, has been a resident of this city for the past 20 years and stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. He was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1854, and is a son of Jacob Brehmer, who was born in Germany in the neighborhood of Wittenberg. By trade he was a cooper. He emigrated to America and his first work was in connection with the construction of the old canal at Chillicothe.

J. J. Brehmer was reared and educated at Chillicothe, and as soon as he was able started out to learn a self-supporting trade. He found work with William C. McKellar in the "Rose Grove Nursery." Mr. McKellar was one of the largest rose growers in the United States. Mr. Brehmer was trained in the propagation house and remained there for nine years; during all this period he lost but one week, which was the result of illness caused by vaccination.

Mr. Brehmer then went to Cincinnati and during his two years there had charge for a time of the greenhouse of S. S. Jackson. He visited a number of places, in all of which he studied details of the florist's business and then went back to Chillicothe for a short time. He was then called to Adelphi, Ohio, to take charge of the Reigel nursery, in which he worked for two years and then became a partner in the business. After 12 years there, he came to Circleville in 1886 and located on 11 acres of ground in the east end of the town, where he carried on a combined florist and nursery business for four years. His next change was to the old Fair Grounds on the

Folsom place, and there he carried on a florist business for 13 years. In 1902 he bought his present place where he has a fine plant and has some 12,000 square feet of glass. He also owns a fine nursery in connection with his greenhouse and does an extensive business in that line.

In 1901 Mr. Brehmer was married to Minerva Sherburn, of Bremen, Ohio. By a previous marriage, Mr. Brehmer had three children, namely: Pearl R.; Robert Lewis; and Hazel, the wife of Oliver Fellows, of Columbus.

Mr. Brehmer is a member of the Foresters. He belongs to the United Brethren Church.



W. RUNKLE, the able superintendent of the Pickaway County Children's Home, located in Washington township near Circleville, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 21, 1859, and is a son of Daniel and Passy (Swoyer) Runkle.

Mr. Runkle was reared and educated in Pickaway County and until he accepted his present position had always followed agricultural pursuits. He is known as a man of sterling character and no better selection could have been made for the responsible position in which he is serving his second term.

The Pickaway County Children's Home is under the direct supervision of Mr. Runkle and Mrs. Runkle is its efficient matron. It is under the management of a board of trustees which is composed of the following prominent and responsible men: H. V. Johnson, John Courtright, M. B. Radcliffe and E. E. Winship, Sr.

In 1887 Mr. Runkle was married (first) to Elizabeth Bownocker, a daughter of Michael Bownocker, of Fairfield County, Ohio. At her death in 1894 she left two children, Olive and Roland, both of whom live in Walnut township. On December 29, 1898, Mr. Runkle was married (second) to Carrie Talbut, a daughter of Alphonse Talbut.

Mr. Runkle was appointed superintendent

of the Children's Home on September 18, 1905, for a term of one year and his administration gave such satisfying results that his re-appointment followed. In all his work he is ably assisted by his excellent wife and both are much beloved by their charges.

Mr. Runkle is a member of the beneficiary society known as the Court of Honor, of Springfield, Illinois. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.




CHARLTON A. VALENTINE, who resides upon a farm of 81 acres situated in section 5, Circleville township, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, February 14, 1847, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Eccard) Valentine and a grandson of Henry Valentine, who was a prominent farmer in Frederick County, Maryland.

Henry Valentine and his wife, both of whom were natives of Frederick County, Maryland, came to Pickaway County in 1851, at which time their son, Charlton A. Valentine, was but four years old, and settled on a farm east of Circleville where Henry Valentine devoted his time to agricultural pursuits until the time of his death in 1857. His widow survived him many years, dying in 1895.

Since his 10th year, Charlton A. Valentine has lived in Circleville township with the exception of two years spent in farming in Tennessee. For a considerable period Mr. Valentine was a breeder of thoroughbred horses, but now devotes his whole time exclusively to farming. He was at one time interested in selling farm implements through the country. He was married in 1876 to Sallie Morrow, a daughter of Robert and Mary Morrow, both well-known citizens of Pickaway County. Mr. Morrow died in 1884 and his wife died in April, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Valentine were married in the same house which they now occupy. They have had three children as follows: Ella and Robert, who live

at home; and Alice, who died in her ninth month. Mr. Valentine is a member of the Foresters and is a Democrat in politics.

AMUEL H. RUGGLES. The late Samuel H. Ruggles, who was one of the old and esteemed residents of Circleville, and one of the city's most ingenious and successful business men, died at his home, April 18, 1904, about the close of his 83rd year. Mr. Ruggles was born June 8, 1821, at Brownville, Jefferson County, New York, and was a son of Samuel and Anna H. Ruggles, who were natives of Boston, Massachusetts. In the early years of his life Samuel Ruggles was engaged in commercial shipping in Boston, but after the capture of his vessel by the British, in the War of 1812, he moved to the northern part of New York State, where he engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits. He died at Lowville, New York, in 1834, leaving a widow and five children.

Before his father's death, Samuel H. Ruggles attended Lowville Academy, but afterwards, on account of his mother's limited income, he was obliged to leave school. He came to Circleville, Ohio, where his uncle, Gen. Hoel Lawrence, then a prominent business man, had secured for him the position of junior clerk in the mercantile house of Rogers & Martin. Although he started here with a very small salary, even for those days, at the end of eight years he had saved enough to justify his admission to a partnership in the firm. This advancement meant a one-fourth interest in all the business, including the grain trade and pork-packing, the latter an industry then in its infancy. In 1845, when the firm opened a commission business in New Orleans, Mr. Ruggles took charge of this branch house. In a very few years, he bought out the interests of his partners and became head of the firm, himself.

In 1852 he disposed of his mercantile and grain interests and for the next 20 years devoted his attention to pork-packing, owning one of the largest pork-packing houses in Ohio.

Mr. Ruggles organized the first canning factory at Circleville and from this have emanated 15 busy canneries in the vicinity. In fact the number of prosperous business concerns in the city, with which he had some connection is surprisingly large.


He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Circleville and was one of its directors before he became connected with the Second National Bank. In 1863 he became a director of the Second National Bank and was made its president on January 12, 1882, which position he filled with rare judgment and success for 21 years, until his death.

On February 15, 1859, Samuel H. Ruggles was united in marriage with Catherine Osborne, daughter of Ralph Osborne (at one time prominent in the affairs of this State) and granddaughter of Gen. James Denny, of the War of 1812.

Of this union were born four children: Samuel T.; Elizabeth Joslin (who resides with her mother in the old home at Circleville); Nelson J.; and Fanny M., the latter of whom died in 1873.

In bringing this brief record of one of Circleville's most valued citizens to a close, mention must be made of his wide-spread charities. His benefactions were not distributed with any ostentation, but they were constant and liberal.


He was a forceful and evenly balanced man and although public life had no attractions for him, he possessed just the qualities needed in the successful management of the country's affairs. His life was exemplary and its influence will long be felt.

AMUEL TURNEY RUGGLES, president of the Second National Bank of Circleville, is one of the best known men of this city, where he has lived all his life. He is a son of the late Samuel H. Ruggles, who for a period of nearly 60 years was intimately connected with the most important business enterprises of Circleville.

Samuel T. Ruggles completed his educa-

tion in Eastern schools where he was trained in business methods. For 10 years he was engaged in the pork-packing business with his father, and for six years under the firm name of Ruggles & Morrow. Upon the death of his father in April, 1904, he became president of the Second National Bank of which he had previously been one of the directors. In addition to the banking business, he is largely interested in farming and other pursuits, and is the manager of the Marshall Anderson estate. Like his father, he possesses remarkable business ability and is looked upon as one of Circleville's most enterprising and successful men of affairs.

Mr. Ruggles was married to Maude Richards and they have two children—Catherine Osborne and Miriam J. They reside in one of the city's most beautiful homes, located on South Court street. Mr. Ruggles and family attend the Presbyterian Church. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party.

EORGE W. ALKIRE, one of the prominent agriculturists of Madison and Pickaway counties, belongs to one of the old pioneer families of this section of Ohio, and is the only surviving son of Isaac and Mary (Graham) Alkire.

The Alkire family is of Scotch extraction and many members of it still reside in old Scotland, where the name is spelled Alkirk. The founder of the Alkire family in America was a member of the colonizing expedition of Lord Baltimore, which crossed the Atlantic Ocean and made the first settlement in Maryland in 1634. Evidently this early settler was a man of virile strength as his descendants have increased and multiplied, their lives and histories being more or less interwoven with the annals of a number of the States of the Union. From Maryland the name is traced to Virginia, thence to Kentucky and about 1800 it became known in Ohio.

Almonas Alkire, of Virginia, in 1720 married Mary Crayman, the daughter of a neighbor, and from this union came a family, the

four preserved names being: William, born in 1724; Deborah, born in 1728; Almonas, Jr., born in 1730; and Sarah, born in 1732.

William Alkire, the eldest son of the above family, was born and probably reared in Virginia and there married Elizabeth Moore, for his first wife. Subsequently he removed to Kentucky but no records are at hand to show whether the following children were born in Virginia or Kentucky. They were: Mary Ann, born October 5, 1781, who married Courtney Tanner; Robert, born October 3, 1783, who married Elizabeth Douglass; John, born December 17, 1785, who died in infancy; Margaret, born in 1786, who married James Denison; Jacob, born April 1, 1787, who married Mary Phebus, who died March 20, 1842, his death following on June 5, 1847; Isaac, the father of our subject; Abraham, born August 6, 1790; Lydia, born January 3, 1792, who married John Graham; Harmon, born February 10, 1794, who never married; John (2), born October 15, 1795, who married Susan Mantle; Delilah, born in 1796, who married John Metz; and William, born 1797, who married Hannah Osborn. After the death of his first wife, William Alkire married Temperance Clay, who was a sister of the distinguished statesman, Henry Clay. Two children were born to this marriage, viz.: Henry Green Clay and Joseph. The former was born May 25, 1807, in Ohio, and died July 23, 1863. His wife was Elizabeth Neff, of a well-known Ohio pioneer family.

Isaac Alkire, son of William and Elizabeth (Moore) Alkire, and father of George W. Alkire, was born October 12, 1788, probably in Kentucky. His death occurred May 16, 1877, on his farm in Darby township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he owned 500 acres of land. He inherited 100 acres of land from his father, who came to Ohio about 1800. His whole life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He married Mary Graham, who became the mother of eight children and died November 14, 1862. The two living children of Isaac Alkire are: George W., of this sketch; and Cynthia, the wife of F. O. Bostic, of Mount Sterling.

George W. Alkire was born in Darby town-

ship, Pickaway County, Ohio, on January 4, 1836. He was educated in the district schools and was reared a practical farmer on the old homestead, where he remained until he was 38 years of age. He owns 807 acres of excellent land in Pickaway County, as mentioned above, and also 75 acres in Madison County, on which he lives. Formerly the family owned the present site of Mount Sterling, which town was originally laid out by Mr. Alkire's uncle, a Mr. Smith.

George W. Alkire was united in marriage with Katherine Smith, who was a ward of Dr. Whitford, of Circleville. They have had four children, viz.: Martha, who died aged 18 years; Nella, who lives at home; Katherine, who also resides at home; and William, who married Bessie Snyder.

Mr. Alkire is a charter member of the Mount Sterling lodge of Odd Fellows and is one of the oldest members of the fraternity in his section. He has been identified with the improvement and growth of Darby township since his earliest days and no citizen is held in higher esteem.



ON. RENICK W. DUNLAP, a member of the 76th General Assembly of Ohio—State Senator from the 10th Senatorial District—is one of the men of prominence in Pickaway County, where he was born October 21, 1872. He is a son of Nelson J. and Elizabeth (Bell) Dunlap, and a grandson of John and Mary (Miner) Dunlap.

The Dunlap family can justly lay claim to be one of the old pioneer ones of this section of the State. As far back as traced, its ancestry belongs to Virginia, and it was from that State that the great-grandfather of our distinguished subject came to what was then the wilderness of Ohio, and established his family among the first in Ross County. He had married a native of Maryland, and at least one son was nine years old when the settlement was made. John Dunlap, the son mentioned, served in the War of 1812, and lived in Ross County until his death in 1878.

Nelson J. Dunlap, father of Renick W. Dunlap, was born in Ross County and was educated in the early schools of the neighborhood, having better advantages than many of his comrades, through his parents' care in sending him to an excellent private school at Chillicothe. Had the Civil War not come upon the country, it is probable that his life would have been entirely confined to agricultural pursuits in his native county, but in November, 1863, he enlisted in the United States Navy, in defense of his country. He was attached to the Mississippi squadron and for more than a year took part in the general warfare along the river. Prior to entering the navy, he had been a volunteer in the defense of Cincinnati and thus became somewhat acquainted with the hardships of a soldier's life, proving his bravery by acting as a scout under Colonel Reed. The life on the water was scarcely less exciting and hazardous, but Mr. Dunlap returned home without serious injury.

After his return from the army, Mr. Dunlap resumed farming and in 1868 settled in Pickaway County, near Kingston, where he remained until 1905, when he removed to Kingston. He still retains his cultivated farming lands, which aggregate some 1,100 acres, and also gives attention to the business enterprise known as the Kingston tile factory, of which he is the proprietor. He has also long been prominent in county politics and served two terms as township treasurer and had the honor of being the first Republican ever elected in Pickaway township.

On December 10, 1867, Mr. Dunlap was married to Elizabeth Bell, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 25, 1846, and is a daughter of Hugh and Lovina (Renick) Bell, the former of whom was born in Pickaway and the latter in Ross County. Hugh Bell was a son of Thomas Bell, who was an early settler in this part of the State. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap were born the following children: Mary E., wife of Amos Leist, of Kingston, Ohio; Renick W., our subject; Nellie T., wife of Dennis Dreisbach, of Pickaway County; and Alice J., who resides with her parents at Kingston.



MRS. ELIZABETH G. McGUIRE.
ABEL SEYMOUR GULICK.
MRS. ELIZABETH S. GULICK.
SEYMOUR J. McGUIRE.
(Four Generations.)

For a number of years Nelson J. Dunlap was president of the township School Board, having always been an earnest advocate of public education. He is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Kingston and for years has been one of the leading members of the Patrons of Husbandry and has served as master of the Scioto Grange. He is a member and one of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Kingston.

Renick W. Dunlap passed his boyhood on his father's farm and secured his early education in the local schools and completed his course at the Kingston High School. In 1895, after a thorough course of agricultural training, he was graduated at the Agricultural College of the Ohio State University. His tastes have always been in the direction of agricultural pursuits and, although public affairs have claimed a part of his time, his greatest pleasure is found on his beautiful farm, where work is carried on systematically and scientifically, with the most satisfying results. For some time he has been interested in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and owns some valuable herds.

From his youth up Mr. Dunlap has been an intelligent student of public affairs and has been more or less prominent in the councils of the Republican party, for an extended period. He belongs to the younger body of political workers and was elected to his present honorable and responsible position by a very flattering vote. In September, 1906, he received the Republican nomination for the office of State dairy and food commissioner.

Mr. Dunlap was married June 9, 1897, to Maxie E. Cummins, who was born at Columbus, Ohio, and is a daughter of Edward W. Cummins, of that city. They have one son, Nelson H., who was born February 16, 1902.

Fraternally Mr. Dunlap is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the various Masonic bodies. He has always been notably public spirited, has always worked for the welfare of his township and county and has testified to his interest in educational and religious enterprises by liberally contributing to their advancement.



ABEL SEYMOUR GULICK, whose name unites two old and honorable family names of this section of Ohio, is a representative farmer and stock-raiser of Muhlenberg township. He has always lived on his present farm of 250 acres in Muhlenberg township, on Darby Creek, where he was born April 17, 1845. He is a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Seymour) Gulick.

The Gulick family is of Welsh descent and came to Ohio from Virginia. The Seymour family came from the North of Ireland, was well established in Virginia, coming to the United States at the same time as did the Renicks, and settled in Ohio at a very early day.

Jesse Gulick was a son of William Gulick, who came to Ohio from Virginia in 1818. The former was born in Virginia and was about three years old when his parents settled in Muhlenberg township. He died here in 1878, aged 63 years, and was buried on Decoration Day. His whole life after marriage was spent in Muhlenberg township, where he owned a farm of 150 acres. He was a staunch Democrat. He married Elizabeth Seymour, who was born near Waverly, Pike County, Ohio, and died at Mount Sterling, Madison County, Ohio, in February, 1903, aged 80 years. She was a daughter of Aaron Seymour; her mother dying when she was 12 years old, she was reared by her cousin, Abel Seymour.

The fine farm now owned by our subject is known as the old Seymour farm, its original owner having been William Seymour. It is situated on the old Federal road and its location and value have been known to the people of this section for generations. Mr. Gulick utilizes it mainly as a stock farm, raising many sheep. There are several old mounds on the farm which scientists are of the opinion were constructed by another race, for burial places for their dead. From a valuable gravel pit which is on one portion of the farm, a proof that at a remote period water covered this territory, Mr. Gulick has removed many human relics. Portions of skeletons have been found, which, when exposed to the air, fell to

pieces, and a number of teeth imbedded in skulls which indicate that once a race of giants lived and died here. All trace of that civilization seems to have passed away.

Our subject is one of a family of 10 children and the eldest, the others being: Mrs. Mary Merrill, deceased in 1892; Minerva, who is the wife of William C. Hill, of Jackson township; Augustus P., of Darby township; Elizabeth Sidney, wife of Elmer Strader, of Darby township; Margaret, widow of Alexander McCord, of Grove City, Ohio; Jonathan Renick, of Darby township; Rachel, wife of L. C. Closan, of Mount Sterling; Fannie, wife of Nelson McKinley; and Josephine, a resident of Columbus.

Mr. Gulick was married (first) on December 6, 1877, to Anna B. Carpenter, who was born in Fleming County, Kentucky, January 25, 1854, and died October 26, 1886. She was a daughter of John R. Carpenter. The children of this union were: Milward N., born December 8, 1878, who lives in Darbyville; Elizabeth C., born September 16, 1880, who married William McGuire; John R., born September 29, 1882, who died aged one year; Harry, born November 6, 1884, who died aged four years; and Anna Belle, born October 5, 1886, who resides with her grandfather in Kentucky. Mr. Gulick was married (second) on August 8, 1889, to Mrs. Matilda Strader, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, November 17, 1854, and was the widow of Jesse Strader and a daughter of Abner and Anna (Gorrel) Wade. She had four children by her first marriage, namely: Effie, Isabel and Claude, all deceased, and Pearl, wife of Russell Hill. To her marriage with Mr. Gulick have been born three children, viz.: Ursil Irene, born May 25, 1890; Guy Bryant, born January 20, 1892; and Nolo Wade, born April 27, 1894. A group picture of the Gulick family accompanies this sketch.

In political sentiment Mr. Gulick has always been identified with the Democratic party. He has taken an active part in public matters in the township and has served two terms as township trustee. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.



WILLIAM FORESMAN, vice-president of the Second National Bank of Circleville, is the senior banker of this city, and for years has been one of the prominent business men here. Mr. Foresman was born in Lafayette, Indiana, in October, 1845, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Bennett) Foresman.

The Foresman family is of Scotch-Irish descent, its founders in America being the great-grandparents, who came from the North of Ireland. They settled in Virginia and there William Foresman, the grandfather of the present William, was born, and from there, in boyhood, he accompanied his parents to Wayne township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He accumulated land to the amount of 520 acres, not far from the present city of Circleville, and when it was proposed to construct the Ohio Canal he gave the right of way through his farm. He built a mill here, on Darby Creek, which he carried on until 1849, establishing what has become one of the largest milling industries of this part of the State. In religious observance he was a Presbyterian. Of his five children, Philip, father of our subject, was the second eldest.

Hon. Philip Foresman was born on the present site of Foresman's Mill and learned the milling business. Soon after his marriage, he moved to Lafayette, Indiana, where he purchased a large tract of land, comprising some two sections, where he was extensively interested in farming and where he also built the first as well as the largest mills in that locality. These he operated in connection with a large grain business for many years. He was a very prominent political factor, a Whig in politics and served two terms in the Indiana State Legislature. His death took place in 1847, when a comparatively young man, being but 45 years of age; at that time he was considered one of the largest capitalists of his county.

Hon. Philip Foresman married Elizabeth Bennett, who was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and was a daughter of George and Margaret Bennett, natives of Virginia, who were early settlers in Deer Creek township. After the death of Mr.

Foresman, Mrs. Foresman returned to Circleville, with her three sons, Bennett (who is a resident of Lafayette, Indiana), William and George P.

William Foresman obtained his early education at Circleville and then graduated at a commercial college at Cincinnati. Returning then to Lafayette, he followed farming until 1869, when he came back to Circleville, and, with his brother George P., purchased the mill property, which continued in their possession until 1900, and on which were operated mills having a capacity of 150 barrels of choicest family and baker's flour per day. The location, at the junction of three thoroughfares west of the city with superior railroad connections, gave the best imaginable facilities for transportation. They manufactured several special brands, all of which commanded an immense sale. Shipments were made all over the country. The equipments of the mills were of the most modern description, every invention of approved utility having been introduced. In connection with their large milling interests, the Foresman Brothers owned and operated a farm of 225 acres of valuable land adjoining the mills and were also large cattle feeders. It was in 1900 that Mr. Foresman disposed of his milling interests and has since been engaged in looking after his farm lands, which consist of about 700 acres.

Mr. Foresman was elected a director of the Second National Bank of Circleville, on January 9, 1883, and upon the death of Samuel H. Evans, he was elected vice-president of this institution, on January 10, 1893. At present he is the senior banker in Circleville, having survived all the members of the board in office at the time he was chosen as vice-president.

William Foresman was married (first) to Mary Millar, a daughter of Adam Millar. She was born at South Bloomfield, Ohio, and died at Circleville, leaving one son, Adam, also deceased, who inherited his grandfather Millar's farm of 640 acres of land, near South Bloomfield, the finest in the county.

On January 20, 1900, Mr. Foresman was married to Mrs. Nannie (Winship) Partridge,

daughter of E. E. Winship, Sr., of Circleville, now living retired. Mrs. Foresman has one son by first marriage, Elton Winship Partridge, who resides in Columbus. Mr. Foresman resides at No. 239 South Scioto street, where he located in 1849 and which has continued to be his home ever since.

Politically William Foresman was a Republican for some years and under the administration of President Grant served four years as postmaster of Circleville. Mr. Foresman has seen reason to change his political sentiments and is now identified with the Democratic party. In religious views he is, like his ancestors, a member of the Presbyterian Church.



D. HESS, manager of the Pressing & Orr Company, a business concern of magnitude which has been established at Circleville since 1901, is one of the experienced cannery men of this part of the country. Mr. Hess was born in Northern New York and is a son of Alexander Hess, who is a retired farmer of Northern New York.

Mr. Hess was reared and educated in his native place. He came to Circleville in 1885 and was identified with C. E. Sears & Company until 1897, next was for two years with Sears & Nichols Company, of Chillicothe, and then was manager for four years with the Winorr Canning Company at Circleville. The business underwent reorganization and the firm name became the Pressing & Orr Company. Mr. Hess has entire management of their plant at Circleville. They are extensive canners of corn, tomatoes, beans, spinach and beets and packers of pickles, and have first-class facilities and an annual capacity of some 150,000 cases.

In 1887 Mr. Hess was united in marriage with Etta M. Ashworth, who is a daughter of the late William Ashworth, of Kingston, Ross County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hess have two children: Blanche M. and Malcolm C., the former of whom is a member of the graduat-

ing class of 1906, at the Everts High School, Circleville.

Mr. Hess is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Circleville, in which he is a steward and a member of the board of trustees.

JAMES REICHELDERFER, one of Circleville's representative business men, a director in the Sears & Nichols Company, of Chillicothe, and also one of the managers and part owner of C. E. Sears & Company, of Circleville, belongs to one of the pioneer families of Pickaway County, Ohio. He was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, in 1844, and is a son of Samuel Reichelderfer.

The family was established in this county by John Reichelderfer, who was a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and who came here when this whole extent of country was one vast wilderness. Here he reared a large family, one son, Henry, becoming the grandfather of our subject. Samuel Reichelderfer, son of Henry and father of our subject, was born in 1813 in Salt Creek township and became one of the locality's extensive farmers.

James Reichelderfer was reared in Salt Creek township and went to school in the little log structures then used for educational purposes. He continued on the farm until 1876, when he moved to Circleville where he embarked in a grain and milling business with William Heffner, under the firm style of William Heffner & Company. About 18 months later he became associated with the firm of Heffner & Company and continued interested with this firm from 1879 until 1897, when he sold out his interests to the Heffners. Subsequently in partnership with his brother, Francis Reichelderfer our subject engaged in a grain business and in connection with their elevator they built a canning factory. After operating it for some time, they sold to the Sears & Nichols Company, of Chillicothe, but Mr.

Reichelderfer remained an interested party in the business as mentioned above.

Mr. Reichelderfer was married (first) in 1864 to Maria Westman, who died in 1886. In 1889 he was married (second) to Julia M. Work, of Lancaster, Ohio. They have two children, Evan W. and Ruth M., both bright students in the Circleville High School. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally, Mr. Reichelderfer is a Royal Arch Mason.

URBAN GRANT ALKIRE, a well-known resident of Mount Sterling, Ohio, and a member of one of the old and honorable families of Pickaway and Madison counties, was born on his father's farm in Madison County, Ohio, May 26, 1863, and is a son of Abraham Reid and Mary Jane (Tanner) Alkire, grandson of Abraham and Jennie Martin (Creath) Alkire and great-grandson of William and Elizabeth (Moore) Alkire.

The Alkire family in America was established by Almonas Alkire, who in the time of James I., of England, was a member of Lord Baltimore's colonizing expedition, which settled in Maryland. Old records demonstrate the fact that in 1626 there lived in Holland a noble family by the name of Algire, which had originally come from Scotland where the family name was Alkirk. From Maryland the Alkires passed to Virginia, thence to Kentucky and finally to Ohio, where the family has been established nearly 100 years. The early family history has been given at length in the sketch of William Harvey Alkire, brother of our subject, which appears elsewhere in this book.

Abraham Reid Alkire was born on the old Alkire homestead, in Pleasant township, Madison County, Ohio, on February 27, 1830, and died February 12, 1902. He married Mary Jane Tanner, who was born February 22, 1839, and died October 10, 1886. They reared five sons and one daughter, as follows: William Harvey, vice-president of The Citizens' Bank

at Mount Sterling; Charles Francis; Abraham Scott; Corban Grant; Tully Smith and Lillie Annie, wife of Charles Edgar Zalm. Abraham Reid Alkire was president of The Citizens' Bank at Mount Sterling from the date of its organization to his death. He married for his second wife Mrs. Flavilla (Coalton) Tenny, January 29, 1889. She died January 16, 1899, aged 66 years, 9 months and 15 days.

Corban G. Alkire was mainly educated at Columbus and is a man of solid intellectual attainments. At the death of his father he came into possession of land amounting to 273 acres, in Madison and Pickaway counties, and owns an elegant home at Mount Sterling.

Mr. Alkire was married at Columbus, Ohio, June 29, 1898, to Clara Liggett, who was born April 22, 1868, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is a daughter of the late Col. John B. Liggett. Mrs. Alkire has two sisters, Georgia and Kate.

The late Col. John B. Liggett was born at Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, November 25, 1839. Like many other men who have reaped success in other fields, Colonel Liggett was reared on a farm and had only the educational advantages offered by the public schools. On leaving the farm he engaged in a mercantile business in various places until the outbreak of the Civil War. During the war he had a contract with the United States government to supply coal and for some time he followed the river in fulfilling his contracts. At the close of the war he went to Louisiana and for a time was engaged in a coal business there, later removing to New Orleans, where he was very successful in the same line.

Colonel Liggett then came North, established his home at Toronto, Jefferson County, Ohio, and there became connected with the sewer-pipe industry and continued in that business for several years. He then became interested in the Bell Telephone Company and was soon recognized as one of the company's most valuable employees in this whole section. Important interests were soon placed in his hands and they were managed with skill and efficiency. He became general manager of the Central at Toronto and was noted for his

promptness as well as his courtesy. Personally he was held in the highest esteem and many expressions of intense regret were heard at the time of his decease. The mother of Mrs. Alkire still survives and resides with her two daughters at Toronto.

A visitor to Mount Sterling could not help but admire the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Alkire, situated as it is in a wealth of flowering loveliness. Winter is turned into summer with them, for flowers bloom for these true lovers of the floral kingdom, within doors as well as out. They have a fine collection of palms and ferns, among which may be seen many fine specimens. Mr. and Mrs. Alkire are both deaf mutes, but with such beautiful surroundings and with congenial tastes, the affliction seems a light one. Mrs. Alkire was born thus but Mr. Alkire sustained his loss from a severe attack of fever in his childhood. Both enjoyed the educational advantages afforded at the Deaf Mute College at Columbus and are highly educated and also variously accomplished. The atmosphere of their quiet home, with its refined influences, is very attractive.



THOMAS WHITE BROWN, a well-known business man of Wayne township and Circleville, who has been identified with many interests in Pickaway County for some years, was born in Deerfield township, Ross County, Ohio, in 1869, and is a son of Ambrose White Brown.

The father of Mr. Brown was also born in Deerfield township, Ross County, Ohio, where his parents had settled at an early date. In 1876 he removed to Pickaway County, where he died in the following year.

Thomas W. Brown was reared in Ross County, attended the Chillicothe High School and in 1887 entered Wooster University, where he remained until 1891. He then returned to his farm in Ross county, but on May 1, 1900, he came to Pickaway County, where he bought the flour mill, elevator and farm of William Foresman. He operated this prop-

erty until his mill was totally destroyed by fire on July 26, 1905. Mr. Brown has not rebuilt but has given his attention to other interests. With other capitalists he is contemplating the erection in the near future of an ice plant for the manufacture of artificial ice. He is a man of business enterprise and has met with success in his previous business ventures.

Mr. Brown was united in marriage in 1903 with Annie E. Wright, who was born at South Bloomfield, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a sister of Dr. T. B. Wright, of Circleville.

Mr. Brown retains his membership with the various societies with which he became identified at Wooster University and he belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.



WAYNE CALDWELL, treasurer and manager of the Scioto Canning Company, one of the leading industries or canning concerns of the Scioto Valley, is a resident of Circleville. He was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1848, and is a son of Alexander Caldwell.

The Caldwell family is of Scotch ancestry and was founded in Ohio by Alexander Caldwell, a native of Scotland, who came hither in early days. Alexander Caldwell, the younger, was born in Pickaway County in 1812, and his whole life was spent as a farmer and stock-raiser in Jackson township.

Wayne Caldwell was reared in Pickaway County and after attending the district schools entered Bloomingburg Academy, where he spent three years. Upon his return he became a farmer in Scioto township for three years and in Jackson township for five years. In 1878 he moved to Circleville and entered into a mercantile business in which he continued until 1898, when he became interested in the Scioto Canning Company. This company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a capital stock of \$100,000, all paid-up. Hon. Festus Walters was elected president; Wayne Caldwell, vice-president; S. P. Deeds, secretary; and James Reichelderfer, treasurer.

The other stockholders were John L. Krimmel, Irvin F. Snyder and H. C. Allen.

After two years of business, Mr. Caldwell, with Judge Walters and S. P. Deeds, bought out the other stockholders and reorganized the business, admitting some of their faithful employees. The officers of the present company are: Hon. Festus Walters, president; Milton Marris, vice-president; S. P. Deeds, secretary, and Wayne Caldwell, manager and treasurer. The board of directors is made up further of James Ward, of Ashville; Hon. Thaddeus E. Cromley, of Ashville; Mrs. Dorothy Turney, widow of the late Hon. Nelson J. Turney; and Mrs. Elizabeth Renick, widow of the late Harness Renick. The company's plant, which is located at Ashville, has an annual output of 200,000 cases. They have a plant at Ashville also for the manufacture of cans, which turns out 50,000 cans a day. The company owns 655 acres of land which is utilized in the raising of vegetables for their factories. In addition to this business connection, Mr. Caldwell is a director in the Third National Bank of Circleville.

In 1878 Mr. Caldwell was married to Margaret Renick, who is a daughter of Felix Renick, one of the old and prominent settlers of Pickaway County. They have two sons—Felix R. and Arthur R. The former is a graduate of the Circleville High School and of Cornell University, where he took a four-year course in law and art, graduating in 1903, and is now located at Seattle, Washington. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Caldwell is an elder. Both he and his older son are Masons, Mr. Caldwell being a member of blue lodge chapter and council, and the son having taken the 32nd degree.



HENRY R. HEFFNER, of the Heffner Milling Company, at Circleville, has been a resident of this city since 1868. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1834, and is a son of Henry Heffner.

The father of Mr. Heffner was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and came to

Fairfield County, Ohio, in young manhood. He operated a sawmill and became the possessor of a pioneer farm.

Henry R. Heffner was reared in Fairfield County and attended the little log schoolhouse in the neighborhood of his father's farm and mill. In 1868 he came to what was then the village of Circleville and carried on a large grocery business here for some two years and then became interested in a grain and milling business. He purchased a corn and flour mill at Brooklyn, New York, and bought grain at Circleville and shipped it to Brooklyn for grinding. After operating the Brooklyn mill for some three years, partly as owner and partly as lessee, with his brother William he erected another mill, which was subsequently burned. In 1897 and 1898 Mr. Heffner, together with his brother William and Harvey S. Heffner and William F. Heffner, built the present substantial corn mill, which has a capacity of 1,500 barrels of meal per day and 100 tons of feed. The company makes a great quantity of export meal, the main brands being "Sagamore" and "Dixie."

In addition to his large mill interests, Mr. Heffner owns other property and considerable real estate, his fine residence at the corner of Pickaway and Watt streets having been erected at a cost of about \$12,000.

In 1856 Mr. Heffner was married to Sarah A. Brobst, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Daniel Brobst, one of the early settlers of the county. The eight children of this marriage have all passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Heffner are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Heffner has been an officer for a half century. Mr. Heffner is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Circleville.

ISRAEL U. FINKEL, one of the older merchants of Circleville, where he has been established in business since 1876, was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1847, and is a son of the late Hon. W. C. Finkel.

Judge Finkel was born in Maryland and in

boyhood accompanied his parents to Pickaway County, where they settled on a farm in Walnut township. Judge Finkel was reared among pioneer surroundings. In early manhood he went into a mercantile business, first at East Ringgold and later at Circleville and continued in business until he was elected probate judge. He served two terms and then completed the unexpired term of Judge Taylor, who died in office. During the second term of Judge Finkel he was taken seriously sick, necessitating calling his son, Israel U. Finkel, from Tiffin and making the latter his deputy.

Israel U. Finkel was 14 years old when his parents moved to Circleville, where he continued some years at school and then went to Tiffin to take advantage of the opportunities offered by a commercial college. He was at school in Tiffin when recalled to Circleville by his father's illness as above stated.

Soon after the close of his official duties, which were satisfactorily performed, Mr. Finkel became clerk and bookkeeper in the Peirce dry goods store, in June, 1873, and he continued as bookkeeper and head clerk until the death of Mr. Peirce in February, 1888. The stock was then sold to C. W. Wooden, of Lancaster, Ohio, and Mr. Finkel remained with the new firm for one year. In 1890, Mr. Finkel, in association with Mr. Henderson and Mr. Heckle, formed a business partnership under the firm name of Finkel, Henderson & Heckle. They conducted a mercantile business for 10 years, when Mr. Heckle sold his interest to his partners. The business was then carried on under the style of Finkle & Henderson, but two years later Mr. Henderson sold his interest to Oscar Howard. The firm of Finkel & Howard continued five years, when Mr. Finkle bought Mr. Howard's interest and consolidated with Schleyer & Henderson, the new firm doing business under the name of Finkel, Schleyer & Henderson. Three years later Mr. Finkel and his son Charles J. bought out Messrs. Schleyer and Henderson and the firm name then stood I. U. Finkel & Son, as at present, although the junior member is deceased.

Mr. Finkel was married in 1871 to Ella

Bitzer, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, and they had two children, viz.: Mame W., who became the wife of C. E. Blue, a prominent attorney at Columbus; and Charles J., who died May 26, 1905. Mrs. Blue died in October, 1894, leaving a little daughter, Lucile, now six years old.

Mr. Finkel has always taken a good citizen's interest in politics but has always declined to assume the cares of office. He is a Knight Templar Mason and belongs to the various Masonic bodies at Circleville. He is also a member of the Elks and the National Union. For many years he has been a member of the official body of the Methodist Church.

JOHN GROCE BOGGS, manager of an extensive grain elevator business at Elmwood, belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families of Pickaway County. Mr. Boggs was born on the old Boggs homestead, "Elmwood," in Pickaway township, in 1884, and is the only son of Lemuel and Jennie (Groce) Boggs.

The mother of Mr. Boggs was a daughter of Hon. John Groce, one of Pickaway County's distinguished men. His father, the late Lemuel Boggs, was long one of the county's enterprising, useful and honored citizens. He was born in Pickaway township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 16, 1845, and was a son of Moses and Margaret S. (Cook) Boggs, and a grandson of Maj. John Boggs, the founder of the family here, who came from Virginia in 1798.

John Groce Boggs spent his early boyhood on the farm, being 13 years of age when his parents moved to Circleville. They were people of education and substance and the only son had every educational advantage he desired. After graduating at the Circleville High School he entered Kenyon College, where he spent three years. Immediately upon his return home he took charge of the Elmwood grain elevator which had been built by his father. The business is conducted by Boggs & Weldon, Mr. Boggs being the manager. The

business in corn and wheat at this point is one of the largest in the State.

Mr. Boggs has much of the energy and enterprise which made his late father one of the capitalists of this section. He is also a young man of personal popularity. He retains his college membership in the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and he belongs also to the Elks. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ALKIRE, one of Williamsport's leading business men, manager of the Heffner Grain Company, incorporated, of this city, was born at Williamsport, Pickaway County, Ohio, September 10, 1868, and is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Simons) Alkire, and a grandson of Michael Alkire, who was the founder of this prominent family in Ohio.

Michael Alkire was born in Kentucky in 1771. There he married Dorothy Phebus, on January 6, 1793. They had three children born in Kentucky and seven more after settling in Ohio. In 1800 they removed from Harrodsburg, Kentucky, to Pickaway County, Ohio, Michael Alkire securing large tracts of land in Deer Creek township. He erected the old log cabin of two rooms which remained the family home for a long term of years and in which he spent the remainder of his life. The historic old structure was demolished in 1906. Michael Alkire died February 11, 1843, and his wife, on May 11, 1854.

Alexander Alkire, father of our subject and son of Michael, was born at Williamsport, Ohio, but later removed to Mount Sterling and now lives retired at Washington Court House. He was an early volunteer in the Civil War and his faithful service continued almost to the close. He was a member of the 26th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., which was a part of the Army of the Tennessee, and participated in all the great movements, marches and battles, which culminated in the notable "March to the Sea." Mr. Alkire survived the many hardships of war but returned home



MR. AND MRS. JAMES McCOLLISTER AND SON.

with health undermined and he has never regained his former robustness. For some years he has lived in quiet retirement. He married Elizabeth Simons, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and they had seven children, the four survivors being: Charles C., a resident of Big Plain, Madison County; George W., of Columbus; Abraham Lincoln, of this sketch; and Harry S., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Greenfield, Ohio. Mr. Alkire has been a lifelong Republican.

Abraham L. Alkire was about eight years old when his father moved to Mount Sterling, where he attended school and later became a member of the family of Wesley Sidner, residing in the vicinity of Mount Sterling. Mr. Alkire completed his education at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, then returned to his former home and soon after was married. He then settled at Ashville, where he engaged in a real estate and loan business for a few years, after which he removed to Woodlyn, Deer Creek township, locating here in 1895. He purchased the Betts elevator, which he operated alone until July, 1900, doing a very large grain, coal and implement business. He then rented this elevator to the Woodlyn Grain Company, which also had the S. W. Dunlap elevator. He owned a third interest in this company and was concerned here until October, 1904. Mr. Alkire then sold the property and for a time was out of business.

In the spring of 1905 Mr. Alkire erected a fine home at Williamsport, and took possession on the first of the following July. This is one of the most spacious modern homes of the town and is equipped with every convenience conducive to comfort. It is heated by a furnace and is lighted by acetylene gas. On July 15, 1905, Mr. Alkire assumed the management of the business of the Heffner Grain Company, incorporated, an important enterprise at Williamsport, with which he has since been identified.

On February 22, 1891, Mr. Alkire was married to Mary J. Hughes, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Robert and Emily T. (Durrett) Hughes,

and a granddaughter of the late J. W. Durrett, formerly a prominent citizen of Scioto township. The father of Mrs. Alkire was the founder of the grain business at Millport, on the Ohio Canal, and after the railroad went through Ashville he built an elevator which he operated until his death in 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. Alkire have three children, namely: Maud, born March 18, 1893; Mabel, born August 8, 1895; and Minnie, born August 10, 1896.

Mr. Alkire has always been a Republican. He is a very popular citizen as was shown in November, 1905, when he was re-elected to the position of justice of the peace, in Deer Creek township, by a majority of 168 votes, the largest majority ever given a candidate in the township. He was first elected to the office in April, 1902, and served so acceptably that his re-election was the desire of both political parties.

Mr. Alkire is prominently identified with the Knights of Pythias. He was a charter member of the Ashville lodge and is connected with the Williamsport lodge. A thorough business man and a good citizen, he is a worthy representative of a family which has just claims to prominence in Pickaway County.



JAMES McCOLLISTER, a substantial farmer of Wayne township, was born August 26, 1845, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Nelson and Elizabeth (Thompson) McCollister and a grandson of Jacob and Margaret McCollister.

Jacob McCollister was born June 16, 1778, and died April 21, 1844. His wife Margaret was born June 1, 1783, and died July 24, 1852. They were married in Maryland, their native State. Nelson McCollister was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 6, 1809, and on November 8, 1837, was married to Elizabeth Thompson, who was born December 26, 1817. They became the parents of five children—four daughters and one son, James, the subject of this sketch.

James McCollister lived in Jackson township until he was four years old when his parents moved to his present home in Wayne township, where his father died on October 15, 1888. His mother lived until August 16, 1894. Mr. McCollister received his education in Pickaway County. He was married October 9, 1888, to Mary E. Neff, a daughter of John S. Neff, of Jackson township, and started to keeping house on the farm where he now lives. This farm consists of 93 acres, and he also owns another farm of 122 acres on the same side of the road, and a third tract of 86 acres on the opposite side of the road from the residential property. Mr. and Mrs. McCollister have had two children: John N., born August 11, 1889, who is living at home; and James L., born July 15, 1891, who died in infancy. Mrs. McCollister died January 5, 1892. Mr. McCollister attends the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Democrat. A group picture of Mr. and Mrs. McCollister and son, John N., accompanies this sketch, being presented on a foregoing page.

HARRY D. JACKSON, a well-known business man of Circleville, and a member of one of the old established families of this city, was born here and is a son of Henry Allen and Ella M. (Demuth) Jackson.

The late Henry Allen Jackson was identified with many important business interests of Pickaway County for many years. He was born at Circleville in 1847 and died here in 1896. His father, William Jackson, was born in Pennsylvania and came at a very early day to Pickaway County, Ohio, where, in association with a Mr. Metzger, he established the first tannery at Circleville. Henry Allen Jackson was reared and educated at Circleville and after completing his schooling he entered an express office at Circleville, but soon went into business for himself, forming a grocery partnership with Amos Beach. In 1885 he became interested in a grain business, leasing the old Florence elevator, which he operated until it

was burned in 1887, when he purchased land on North Canal street and built an elevator, which he conducted with large returns until the time of his death.

In 1877 Mr. Allen married Ella M. Demuth, a daughter of Daniel Demuth, who belonged to one of the pioneer families of this county. To this union was born one child, Harry D. Jackson, of Circleville.

Our subject completed the common-school course at Circleville and in 1901 he was creditably graduated at the Everts High School, following which he was engaged as a reporter for two years on the Circleville *Daily Herald*. He was concerned in the grain business for two years, and then managed his father's elevator for one year for the Crites Mill Company. He is now connected with the Ohio Cereal Company.

Mr. Jackson is a popular young man in social circles and when Company F of the Fourth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, was organized, he was commissioned 1st lieutenant and in 1905 was elected captain. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Circleville, and of the consistory and shrine at Columbus. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES I. SMITH, secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Cereal Company, vice-president of the Esmeralda Canning Company, and a director in the Third National Bank, is one of the prominent men and leading capitalists of Circleville. He was born in this city in 1867 and is a son of Edward Smith. With the exception of four years spent at the University of Notre Dame, he has resided continuously in Circleville.

In 1889 Mr. Smith became a member of the firm of J. S. Smith & Brothers, millers and dealers in grain, flour and feed. This firm was succeeded by the Smith Mill Company, which was organized in 1893, and in which our subject held an interest. In 1900 the Ohio Cereal Company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$260,000, with Joseph

S. Smith as president; Edward E. Smith, vice-president, and James I. Smith as secretary and treasurer. This company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine and was authorized to do business in the State of Ohio. This company took over the interests of the Smith Mill Company and Crites Brothers & Company. They manufacture flour, corn meal and all kinds of feed.

Mr. Smith and his two brothers form the Ideal Stock Food Company, which manufactures the "Ideal" stock and poultry condition powders and various veterinary remedies.

Mr. Smith is also vice-president of the Esmeralda Canning Company, a very successful business enterprise, an incorporated concern, with R. G. McCoy as president; James I. Smith as vice-president; Edward E. Smith as treasurer and M. B. Trout as secretary. He is one of the directors of the Colonial Carriage Company and a director in the Third National Bank of Circleville. He owns a fine farm of 500 acres in Pickaway County.

In 1893 Mr. Smith was married to Ellen B. Renick, who is a daughter of Felix Renick, one of the old settlers of Pickaway County. They have three children, viz.: Regina, James I., Jr., and Felix E. The family belong to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.



M. CRITES, a prominent citizen of Circleville, who is identified with the leading business interests of the city, was born in 1870 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of Levi S. Crites, one of the most highly esteemed retired residents of Circleville, whose life is sketched on another page of this work.

H. M. Crites was reared in Fairfield County and attended school there until 20 years of age. In 1890 he came to Circleville, and entered the employ of his brother, E. B. Crites, as a bookkeeper. In 1892, in connection with his brother, he built a flour and corn meal mill, which was operated under the style of Crites Brothers & Company until 1900. In the meantime, E. B. Crites died in 1899. In 1900 the

firm of Crites Brothers & Company was consolidated with the Smith Mill Company and a new concern was organized and incorporated as the Ohio Cereal Company, of which Mr. Crites remained a member and president of the company for two years.

In 1899 Mr. Crites bought a one-third interest in C. E. Sears & Company's canning factory, and in 1903 he bought the entire plant. Later he sold a one-half interest to the Sears & Nichols Company, of Chillicothe. He is the present manager of C. E. Sears & Company, and is also half owner. The capacity of C. E. Sears & Company's establishment is 5,000,000 cans of corn annually; in 1904 they packed 6,300,000 cans of sugar corn. This is the largest plant of its kind in the United States or the world. This company also owns a tomato canning plant which is located at Laurelville, Ohio, which has a capacity of 500,000 cans of tomatoes annually. Mr. Crites is also interested in the Crites Milling Company. He owns 1,200 acres of land in the Pickaway Plains, the finest improved land in this section, and also owns 260 acres of bottom land adjoining Circleville. He is a man of splendid business capacity. With a capital of but \$4,000, he has developed one of the greatest industries of this part of the State, has furthered many other successful enterprises and has accumulated property of very large value. He carries life insurance amounting to \$124,000.

In 1892 Mr. Crites was married to Mary Minnie Van Hyde, who is a daughter of the late G. M. Van Hyde, formerly one of the prominent men of Circleville, where he died in 1903.



JOHN J. MAST, an enterprising and up-to-date farmer of Pickaway County, residing on a farm of 140 acres in section 9, Washington township, was born in York township, Morgan County, Ohio, April 3, 1853, and is a son of John and Phoebe (Miller) Mast, who were both natives of Germany.

John Mast came to this country when 12

years old with an uncle, who settled in Muskingum County, Ohio. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mast, the grandparents of our subject, came to this country later and located in Muskingum County, Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their days. John Mast moved to Morgan County after his marriage and bought a farm of 120 acres, upon which our subject was born. John Mast and his wife both died in Morgan County.

John J. Mast was reared and educated in Morgan County and at the age of 21 years moved to Circleville, where he husked corn the first five days. He then worked for a week at hauling corn and from the fall of 1874 until the spring of 1875 he hauled corn, chopped wood and worked at any and all odd jobs he could find. In the spring of 1875 he went to work for Mrs. Eliza Newman, and for 17 years superintended the operation of her farm of 190 acres. On February 14, 1891, he was married to Emma A. Brinker, a daughter of George Brinker, of Walnut township. They have three children: John, Phoebe and George. After his marriage, Mr. Mast continued for five years more to operate the Newman farm, making in all 22 years that he lived on this farm. In 1896 he bought of Daniel Stein 89 acres and two years later purchased of Jacob Balthaser 51½ acres. His farm now consists of 140 acres, on which he has made many improvements. In the summer of 1905 he erected a fine large 10-room brick house, which has all the modern improvements, including furnace, running water, illuminating gas, etc. Mrs. Mast is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Mast is a member of the Foresters and Knights of Pythias.

HENRY GREEN CLAY ALKIRE, a worthy member of one of the most prominent families of Darby township, Pickaway County, and a highly esteemed citizen and representative agriculturist, resides on a farm of 195 acres, which extends through Darby township, Pickaway County, and Pleasant township, Madi-

son County, Ohio. Mr. Alkire was born in Fountain County, Indiana, December 2, 1834, and is a son of Joseph and Tillitha C. (Dehaven) Alkire.

The Alkires originated in Holland and the family records can be traced as far back as William, II, Prince of Orange. The Hague records present the information that near Arnheim, on the Rhine, in Holland, in 1626, there lived a family bearing a coat of arms which was given by this Prince of Orange, with the baronial name of Algire. This insignia may be thus described: Arms on a silver shield; crest, a falcon, red beak and feet, a bunch of grapes and a wineglass, a pike and cross swords, with the motto, *Cum Salus*. It would not be very difficult for the present generation to decipher the meaning of these symbols, helped out with the Latin inscription. That the Algires were noblemen was proved by the composition of the shields, only men of rank being permitted the use of gold or silver. The middle class used leather and wood shields. In religious belief the Alkires became notable during the Reformation, espousing the Lutheran cause.

Still other Alkires or Alkirks were found in Scotland and that they were of the same family is proven by their possessing the same coat of arms. In the 17th century, one Almonas Algire left the British Isles and accompanied Lord Baltimore to the English Colonies. He subsequently settled on Albemarle Sound and assisted the Governor of Virginia in his various campaigns against the Indians. There was an Alkire at the battle of Fort Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio.

The Algire or Alkire family of Pickaway County trace their direct ancestry to Almonas Alkire who was married to Mary Crayman in 1720 near Moorefield, Virginia. They had four children.

Joseph W. Alkire, father of our subject, was born in Kentucky November 24, 1805, and was quite young when his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Pleasant township, Madison County, where he lived until the death of his father. At the age of 18 years he went to Indiana and took possession of a piece of land

which he probably had inherited, and shortly afterward was married to Tillitha C. Dehaven. She was born in Kentucky, January 7, 1805, and had been taken to Indiana with her parents. She died in Pike County, Illinois, whither the family had moved in 1843, after selling the Indiana farm. Our subject and a sister, Nancy, who married Hiram Smith, both now being deceased, were born in Indiana. While the family lived in Illinois, two more children were added to the household: Jacob, who died in Illinois, at the age of 11 years, and Mahala, who subsequently married America Murry, and died also in Illinois.

The first wife of Joseph W. Alkire died about 1855 and he was later married to Katherine Taylor. Before they left Illinois, they had one child—Louise. Mr. Alkire then decided to move to Southwestern Missouri and sold his Illinois property. He died in Missouri in 1872.

Henry Green Clay Alkire was nine years old when his parents moved to Illinois, but when his father married again he returned to Ohio, leaving his farm of 40 acres in his father's care. He made his home until his marriage with his uncle, Henry Green Clay Alkire, on the farm he now owns and occupies. This property was willed to his son, Stephen A. Alkire, by the uncle above mentioned, and in 1879 our subject bought the farm and has resided here ever since.

On May 10, 1857, Henry G. C. Alkire was united in marriage with Harriet Snyder, who had also made her home with the elder Henry G. C. Alkire, and they continued to reside on the farm until 1864. During this period four children were born here, three of whom they lost in 1863. The survivor, Stephen A., grew to manhood and subsequently married Maggie Leach, who was born in Ohio. They have four children—two sons and two daughters.

In 1864 Mr. Alkire with his wife and remaining son moved to Illinois and settled on the 40-acre farm, which he had owned for a long time. They remained there until 1866, when he disposed of the property and removed to Quincy. While living there they had one

daughter, Vola May who was later married, in Ohio, to Edward Mantle, whose widow she now is. She resides at Derby with her five children. In 1868 Mr. Alkire removed with his family to Missouri, but after trying agricultural conditions in that State decided to return to Ohio and in 1872 settled again on the farm he now owns. During the family's stay in Missouri another daughter was born—Magnolia. She resides at home as does Dora, her younger sister, who was born after the family's return to Ohio. Frank, also born in Ohio, the youngest of the family, resides at home. Mr. Alkire's other son, Charles W., was born in Illinois and married Margaret Horton. Charles W. Alkire and wife reside on a farm in Darby township, Pickaway County.

The Alkire home, a two-story frame dwelling of 11 rooms, is set in the midst of one of the most beautiful groves in Pickaway County. The other buildings are substantial in character and the whole appearance of the place gives testimony as to the pride and affection its residents feel in it.

Mr. Alkire is still actively interested in all that concerns the township and consents to serve as school director as a matter of duty. He has never been much interested in politics, although as a very well-informed man he keeps posted on all that is going on in the world. Like the rest of his family, he is a quiet, observing man, one whose word or integrity is never questioned in his community, always ready to promote objects of general welfare, devoted to his family and respected and esteemed as a neighbor.

BENJAMIN FLOYD YATES, one of the leading citizens of Circleville, who recently completed a service of six years as auditor of Pickaway County, owns a fine estate of 350 acres of valuable land in Deer Creek township, which he maintains as a great stock farm. Mr. Yates was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1865, and is a son of Hon. David R. Yates.

Mr. Yates was reared and educated in

Pickaway County and at Antioch College. After completing his collegiate course, he spent two years in farming and then embarked in a general mercantile business at Williamsport, which he conducted for six years. After selling out and spending a year in California, he resumed business at Williamsport and continued there until 1896, when he was elected to his first term as auditor of Pickaway County. His services were so acceptable to his fellow-citizens that he was elected to a second term in the fall of 1899 by the largest majority ever given in this county for the second term. He thus served six years in this responsible position.

Since retiring from public life, Mr. Yates has been interested in dealing in real estate and in the management of his stock farm above mentioned. He has a reputation in the county for breeding high-class horses, roadsters and trotters and owns some notable animals. Among these may be mentioned "Sir Liss," No. 13,583, the greatest son of "Sphinx," the greatest son of "Electioneer." His dam was "Bliss," whose record was 2:21½ as a four-year-old. This stallion is one of the best bred in the State of Ohio and has never had a colt worked that did not beat 2:30. While his own record is 2:30, he has worked a mile over a half-mile track in 2:18¼ and showed his ability to trot in still faster time. "Sir Liss" is sire of "Hazel Banks," 2:10½; "Maggie V.," 2:12½; and "Hortense," 2:20½. Others are: "Thaddie Burns," 2:18; "Enolia," 2:27 1-9 and "Midnight Liss," 2:24½, the handsomest daughter of "Sir Liss." Mr. Yates is also owner of the handsome young stallion, "Bobby B." No. 38,240, son of the great "Bobby Burns."

Mr. Yates was married (first) in 1887 to Etta Dungan, who was a daughter of George Dungan, of Wayne township, Pickaway County. She died in 1888, leaving a son, Grover Allen, who makes his home with his grandparents.

Mr. Yates was married (second) in March, 1892, to Luella M. White, who is the second daughter of the late Dr. T. F. White, who for years was the leading physician at Williams-

port. To this union have been born: Benjamin B.; Thaddeus W., who died aged three years; David A.; Harry Addison and Melvin Austin, as fine a family of bright young Americans as can be found in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Yates is past noble grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a high official in the Knights of Pythias; a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Williamsport Grange. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat. Religiously he is a Methodist.

ISAIAH HULSE, deceased, was one of the leading men of Jackson township, proprietor of "Lick Run Stock Farm"—an estate of 600 acres, situated on the Dawson turnpike. He was born on the old Hulse homestead, not far from the present home of his widow in Jackson township, on October 15, 1850, and died February 19, 1898. He was a son of Aristes and Lucinda (Alkire) Hulse.

The parents of Mr. Hulse were born in Pickaway County and spent their whole lives here. They had four children, namely: Isaiah; Rebecca, wife of Eugene Halstead, of California; Mary, wife of James G. Hayes, of Pickaway County; and Ida L.


Isaiah Hulse remained on the home farm in Jackson township until he married and then removed to "Lick Run Stock Farm," having previously erected the handsome brick residence now occupied by his widow and son. Mr. Hulse operated the farm as a stock farm, devoting his entire attention to the raising of fine horses and cattle, making a feature of the latter.

Mr. Hulse was married on January 8, 1895, to Martha Anderson, who was born in Wayne township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of James H. and Sarah (Fleming) Anderson, both natives of Wayne township. The father died on the farm in Wayne township on which he was born, but Mrs. Anderson resides in Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had seven children, namely: Martha (Mrs. Isaiah Hulse); William, who married

Mary Holderman, daughter of Louis Holderman; Minerva, wife of James Swearingen, of Jackson township; Ida, wife of Thomas Woodrow, of Xenia, Ohio; Elizabeth S., wife of J. Sines, of Columbus; and Benjamin and Edward, who live with their mother in Columbus.

Mrs. Hulse has one son, Isaiah Smith, who was born July 19, 1896. Since the death of her husband, she has had the entire management of the farm and has shown great capacity as a business woman. A part of her land she rents and the rest she utilizes in raising stock.

The late Isaiah Hulse was an excellent business man but he was much more. He was a kind and tender husband and father and a great lover of home. It is remembered how fond he was of flowers and never felt time wasted in their cultivation. He had many friends all over the county; all wished him well and sorrowed when he died. Politically a Democrat, he held some minor offices, being too busy to accept more important ones. He was a good man in every sense of the word.

EORGE P. HUNSICKER, cashier of the Farmers' Bank at Williamsport, is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men of this community and is prominently identified with its business, religious and social life. Mr. Hunsicker was born at Williamsport, on February 19, 1861, and comes from one of the most prominent families of Deer Creek township, Pickaway County. He is a son of Samuel G. and Lizzie A. (Gordy) Hunsicker.

Jacob Hunsicker, the great-grandfather of our subject, was the first of the family to come to Pickaway County, early in the 19th century, at a period when Williamsport was mainly in the dreams of the two settlers who had built their homes on the site. His business was teaming. As the place soon gained inhabitants, his services were in continued demand and his business increased so that he used a six-horse team, those being days when

the present well-kept turnpikes had not been more than hoped for. He lived at Williamsport until his death. He was almost one of its founders and certainly one of its developers.

Samuel Hunsicker, a son of Jacob, was born in 1805, at Philadelphia or in the near vicinity, and accompanied his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio when a small boy. He died at Williamsport on February 11, 1857, at the age of 52 years. He married Eleanor Webb, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio, and died at Williamsport on August 11, 1844, of erysipelas, at the age of 36 years. Of their children two survive, viz.: Samuel G., of Woodlyn, Pickaway County, and Jerome, of South Dakota.

Samuel G. Hunsicker, son of Samuel and father of George P., was born at Webb Summit, Hocking County, Ohio, March 12, 1836, and was three years old when he was brought by his parents to Pickaway County. He was reared at Williamsport and during his boyhood days clerked in a store, remaining a resident of Williamsport until 1852. For the following seven years he was engaged in the grain business, in the employ of Washington Delaplane, at Circleville. Mr. Hunsicker then returned to Deer Creek township and rented a 30-acre farm, adjoining the corporation of Williamsport, which he still owns. He has acquired a large amount of land in the township and is one of the most substantial citizens of his section. At one time he conducted a general store at Williamsport, established the grain and elevator business at Woodlyn and has been identified with various other business interests. He is a stockholder and one of the board of directors of the Farmers' Bank at Williamsport, one of the leading financial institutions of the county.

Mr. Hunsicker has witnessed many changes since coming to this county and probably the greatest and most marked has been the appreciation in land values. He well recalls seeing the late Amos Rector bring a tin pail into the store, where he worked, and count out in coin in payment, at \$6 an acre, for the 75 acres of the old Reed place, which he had pur-

chased. Mr. Hunsicker subsequently purchased the same tract and paid \$70 an acre for it and has recently refused \$100 for the same. He now resides on the old George Gordy land, at Woodlyn, which he bought in 1876.

On January 3, 1860, Samuel G. Hunsicker was married to Lizzie A. Gordy, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of George and Susan (Hoskins) Gordy. The following children were born to them: George P.; John L., who is bookkeeper in the Farmers' Bank at Williamsport; Charles S., who is a member of the grain and implement firm of Hunsicker & Yates, at Woodlyn; and Ella H., who is the wife of Edward Hornbeck, of Mount Sterling, Ohio.

George P. Hunsicker was reared at Williamsport and attended the public schools until 18 years of age, when he engaged in a mercantile business at Woodlyn, in which he met with satisfactory success. For eight years he continued in business there but as Williamsport offered better business advantages, he removed to this place and conducted a general store here for five years. Mr. Hunsicker possessed sufficient capital for a still larger enterprise and he then organized the Farmers' Bank and has served as cashier and director continuously until the present. He deserves the credit for the splendid condition in which this institution stands and for the universal confidence accorded it. He is an owner of real estate and this includes a handsome home erected by him recently at Williamsport.

In 1883 Mr. Hunsicker was married to Belle Sly, who was born in Jackson township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Keyes) Sly. They have one daughter, Florence, who married Leroy H. Ewing and resides at Washington Court House, Ohio.

Mr. Hunsicker is a Republican and exerts a large influence in the affairs of his party in his locality. He has served as a member of the Town Council, as township clerk and in other offices, including membership on the School Board of Deer Creek township, having always been an earnest worker for the betterment of the school system. He is a member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church at Williamsport and is one of the board of trustees. For years he has given time and close attention to the extending of Sunday-school work; for 16 years consecutively he served as superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school at Williamsport. For the past nine years he has been secretary of the Pickaway County Sunday School Association, which arranges for 15 conventions in the county every year. He is a member of a committee of 17, controlling the Ohio Sunday School Association, which supervises the expenditure of \$20,000 per year in Sunday-school work in the State of Ohio.

Fraternally Mr. Hunsicker is a Mason of prominence, belonging to Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M.; Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M., at Circleville; Scioto Commandery, K. T., at Circleville; and Order of the Eastern Star. He belongs to other leading organizations, including the Knights of Pythias and the auxiliary order—the Rathbone Sisters; the Odd Fellows lodge at Clarksburg and the Rebekahs. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and has been consul of Camp No. 4475 ever since it was instituted at Williamsport. He has represented this order in the head camps at St. Paul, in 1901, and at Milwaukee, in 1905. As chairman of the Ohio delegation at the latter, he received the delegates' endorsement and was appointed a member on new territory for the order, which will report on the admission of new territory to the jurisdiction at the next meeting of the Head Camp, which will take place at Peoria, Illinois, in 1908.

Notwithstanding the exacting duties of his position as cashier in one of the large financial institutions, as mentioned above, Mr. Hunsicker in some way finds time to intelligently promote all those measures and enterprises which have for their object the substantial upbuilding of Williamsport, and also keeps closely in touch with the various benevolent agencies which are the avenues through which the poor and unfortunate receive relief. Such men as Mr. Hunsicker cannot fail to be benefactors to any community in which their life lines have been cast.



MR. AND MRS. CALEB GLICK.



CALEB GLICK, a representative agriculturist of Washington township, who owns a valuable farm of 224 acres all in one body, situated in sections 26 and 35, was born at Circleville, Ohio, July 28, 1843, and is a son of Philip and Nancy Glick, extended mention of whom will be found in another part of this work.

Caleb Glick has been a life-long resident of Pickaway County. On September 12, 1872; he was united in marriage with Anna Fisher, a daughter of Conrad and Margaret Fisher, the former of whom was a native and a prominent farmer of Madison township. Mr. and Mrs. Glick have had four children, of whom two survive: Eda and Asa. The former married George Bolender, has two children, Byron and Vernon, and lives on a farm in Wayne township. Asa married Viola Leist and works his father's farm. Flora and Virgil died in infancy.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Glick settled on the farm which they still occupy, but in another house, about a quarter of a mile distant from their present one. Their present residence is a handsome brick one which was erected by a Mr. Mowery about 1850.

In the fall of 1862 Mr. Glick enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company A, 114th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and participated in eight different battles, including the siege of Vicksburg. He was mustered out at Houston, Texas, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war, at Columbus. His war record is one to be proud of and Mr. Glick is an honored member of Groce Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Circleville. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. Their portraits accompany this sketch.



WILLIAM NELSON GORDY, who is engineer of the Hunsicker & Yates elevator at Woodlyn, in Deer Creek township, was born in Perry township, Pickaway County, Ohio, November 8, 1842, and is a son of George and Susan (Hoskins) Gordy.

George Gordy was one of the early citizens of prominence in Perry and Deer Creek townships. He worked on the canal at Circleville when a young man and acquired, later, several hundred acres of land in Perry township. For a time he lived at Crownover's mill and, later, on what is known as the Shaffer farm. In 1869 he moved to the farm now owned by Samuel G. Hunsicker, adjoining that of our subject, in Deer Creek township, where he resided until his death in 1876.

George Gordy married Rebecca Kinney, who at death left one son, John, now also deceased. Mr. Gordy married (second) Susan Hoskins and of the large family born to this union, these survive: Lizzie, wife of Samuel G. Hunsicker; William Nelson, of this sketch; Sarah, widow of F. R. Hancock; Mrs. Rhetta Noble, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; Jasper L., of Portland, Oregon; and Clinton, of Kansas. The third marriage of Mr. Gordy was to Harriet Betts, the mother of Col. George Betts, now deceased.

William Nelson Gordy was reared in Perry township and attended the district schools. In 1867 he moved to Deer Creek township and located on the farm now occupied by John W. Betts, where he engaged in farming until April, 1871, when he removed to his present farm at Woodlyn. Here he has 11 acres of richly cultivated land and a beautiful home. Since 1879 he has been running the engine at the Hunsicker & Yates elevator.

On August 16, 1866, Mr. Gordy was married to Sarah A. Stinson, who was born in Perry township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Hugh and Roxanna (Dick) Stinson. Mr. and Mrs. Gordy have seven children, viz.: Ella, who married Clinton Bragg, of Danville, Ohio, and has two children—Frank and Lena; Harley, a resident of Morrow, Ohio, who married Ella Titus and has one daughter—Helen; Charles, a resident of Lancaster, Ohio, who married Leota Rudolph, and has one son—William; Mary Belle, who resides at home; George I., a resident of Canton, Ohio, who married Margaret Conn; Thomas, a resident of Dayton, Ohio; and Rhetta, the youngest daughter, who also lives in that city.

Politically Mr. Gordy is affiliated with the

Republican party. He has served as trustee of the township but is not an aspirant for office and when elected a justice of the peace declined to serve. He is one of the leading members of the Christian Church. Fraternally he is a member of Heber Lodge, No. 501, F. & A. M., at Williamsport, and of the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at the same point.

EDWARD K. CAMPBELL, one of the best-known men in the milling business in Harrison township, has operated the historic old mill, known in all this section as the old Foresman Mill, for the past 27 years, his purchase of it dating from January 6, 1879. Mr. Campbell was born August 7, 1853, and is a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Hedges) Campbell.

On both sides of the family, Mr. Campbell's ancestors came to Ohio from Virginia, settling among the earliest pioneers in this section of the Buckeye State. Samuel Campbell was born at Stoutsville, Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1817, and died July 9, 1903, at the age of 85 years and 10 months, to a day. He married Rebecca Hedges, who was born in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1832 and died April 28, 1882. She was a daughter of John and Susan (Miller) Hedges, very early settlers here. The children born to this union were: Edward; Aaron, who resides at Circleville; Mary, wife of Jacob Hoover, of Harrison township; Ezra, residing in the northern part of Ohio; Ida, wife of John Frazier, residing near Amanda, in Fairfield County; Nancy, wife of L. A. Gray, of Ashville; Amanda, wife of Frank Raymond, of Columbus; and Irene, who resides with her sister in Columbus.

Edward Campbell acquired a fair common-school education and remained with his father until 21 years of age and then went to work for Joash Cromley, in Walnut township. He had almost no capital at this time but he had what sometimes proves more valuable—habits of industry and frugality. After working for four years for Mr. Cromley, he had accumu-

lated the sum of \$450, enough to enable him to purchase the old William Foresman mill. This old landmark of Harrison township was erected in 1838 by William Foresman, whose father was a pioneer here, and was named the "Good Intent Mill." It was started up in the following year and still is utilized for the purpose for which it was built. Of course, many changes have been made and numberless improvements have been introduced by Mr. Campbell. It was originally an old-fashioned burr mill, the motive power being water. Mr. Campbell now operates it with steam and has equipped it with the modern roller process. Its daily capacity is 50 barrels.

Mr. Campbell was married March 10, 1885, to Carrie McMun, who was born at Waverly, Ross County, Ohio. They have four children—Grace, James E., Samuel and Marie.

Although Mr. Campbell has been a hard worker all his life he has results of a satisfactory nature to show for his endeavors. He has a beautiful homestead of 45 acres, a paying business, a family to be proud of and a wide circle of friends who esteem and respect him. In all that implies good citizenship. He is a representative man of his township.

SHAM A. JONES, proprietor of the "Lone Elm Farm," a fine 344-acre estate, located four miles west of Circleville, on the Darbyville turnpike, is one of the prominent farmers and extensive stock-raisers of Jackson township, as well as one of her representative citizens. He was born in Logan County, Illinois, August 27, 1850, and is a son of Stephen and Ariadna (Ware) (Ham) Jones.

Stephen Jones, who was a native of Pennsylvania, settled in early manhood in Logan County, Illinois, among the pioneers there, and as he was a man of sterling worth he soon became one of the prominent men there. He was a farmer by occupation and was also a shrewd business man and accumulated an ample fortune. He served as a captain in the War of 1812 and received a land warrant for his serv-

ices. He became a purchaser of the warrants which other soldiers were willing to sell, some of these being in the possession of our subject at the present time. Stephen Jones left an estate aggregating some 800 acres. In politics and in religion he was a man of firm convictions, voting with the Democratic party and supporting the Methodist Church. He married Mrs. Ariadna (Ware) Ham, who had one son, Jason. She died aged 48 years.

Isham A. Jones, who was the only child born to his parents, has been an orphan since childhood, his father dying when he was only three years old and his mother one year later. He lived with relatives until he reached his majority, and obtained his education in the local schools. For some years he carried on farming near Waynesville, Illinois, and then embarked in a hardware business at Waynesville, where he resided some seven years and then returned to farming, on the 120-acre farm he had purchased before moving to Waynesville. The coming of Mr. Jones to Pickaway County, in 1885, was on account of Mrs. Jones having inherited a tract of 400 acres in Jackson township, which was a part of the old McArthur estate, which had long been in the courts. Mr. Jones found the property in a neglected condition but with his characteristic energy he soon made many changes. The old log buildings gave way to handsome, substantial frame ones, and he built a beautiful residence on a favorable location which makes it one of the most attractive rural homes of the township. His land is managed carefully and he pays attention to the raising of grain and the growing of stock, making specialties of Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs.

The "Lone Elm Farm" takes its name from a historic old elm tree, 15 feet in circumference, which stands in front of Mr. Jones' residence. It has survived all its forest companions, and has seen generations of those who have rested beneath its shade pass away.

Mr. Jones was married December 12, 1872, to Effie McArthur, who was born September 22, 1844, and is a daughter of Allen C. and Olive (Whitney) McArthur, and a granddaughter of Gen. Duncan McArthur, who was

an officer in the regular army and was subsequently elected Governor of Ohio. Mr. Jones' father served under General McArthur during his army service. Her father was born in Ross County, Ohio, and her mother in the State of New York.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jones are: Flora T., wife of Frank Anderson, residing near Williamsport; Susie Van B., who married Joseph Shortridge, lives five miles north of Mr. Jones and has two daughters—Mary Isham and Lillian Josephine; Stephen A., who married Carrie Trimble, a daughter of James Trimble, of Circleville, lives on the home place and has these children—Arthur Trimble, Richard Edward, Dorothy Emily and McArthur Atchison.

Mr. Jones has been a lifelong Democrat and has always been a prominent factor in political circles. Ever since locating in Jackson township, he has been connected with school affairs and is now serving as a very efficient member of the Board of Education. He is a man of wise public spirit and is ever ready to promote agencies working for the ultimate good of the township. He gives liberal support to the churches in his neighborhood, but is an attendant of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

JOHAN METZGER, a representative citizen and prominent farmer of Pickaway township, resides on his well-cultivated farm of more than 90 acres, situated in section 7, and has been identified with this township for almost a half century. He was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, November 8, 1834, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Zeimer) Metzger.

Benjamin Metzger and wife were both natives of Washington township, where they were reared and married. In 1857 they removed to Pickaway township, settling on the famous Pickaway Plains. Benjamin Metzger was a man of excellent business capacity and became possessed of 900 acres of land. He

met death by accidental drowning in the Scioto River in June, 1868. Of his children these survive: John; Benjamin, of Circleville; Elizabeth, widow of Michael Henry, residing at Williamsport; Andrew, of Wayne township; Abraham, of Circleville township; all the above being children of his marriage with Mary Zeimer. The surviving children of his second marriage are: Catherine, wife of John Shaner, of Colorado; Joseph, of Walnut township; and Samuel, of Jackson township. Benjamin Metzger was one of the representative men of Pickaway township. His father, John Metzger, came to Ohio from Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1804, and was one of the first settlers in Washington township; he removed, late in life, to Allen County, Indiana, and died there in 1857.

John Metzger, the subject of this sketch, grew to maturity in Washington township, from boyhood assisting in the agricultural work carried on extensively on the home farm. He attended the log schoolhouses which were the best then provided in his neighborhood, and received good elementary training which later life and experience with men and affairs developed into well-informed citizenship. During the Civil War he was a member of the Ohio State militia and was commissioned a captain by the Governor, and in this capacity assisted in repelling the Morgan raiders.

Mr. Metzger married Maria Terwilliger, who was born in Wayne township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and died May 28, 1893. She was a daughter of David Terwilliger, formerly one of the leading men of Wayne township and one of its early settlers. Of the family of children born to Mr. and Mrs. Metzger, these survive: John W., of Detroit, Michigan; and Mary B., Lulu M. and Ralph M., all living at home. The mother of these children was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Politically Mr. Metzger has always been identified with the Democratic party but has never taken any active part beyond exercising his rights of citizenship. He is well known throughout the township and enjoys the esteem of his fellow-citizens.



COL. ELIAS FLORENCE was one of the most widely known and popular men of Pickaway County for a generation or more after 1828, when his public career began, and for the greater part of his lifetime was one of the most extensive landowners, owning about 5,500 acres in Muhlenberg and adjoining townships. He was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, February 15, 1797, the son of William and Fanny (Robinson) Florence, both born and raised in Virginia, who emigrated to Ohio in 1806, on the 9th of April of that year. William Florence was one of the first commissioners of Pickaway County, was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1816 and 1817, and was associate judge of the courts of the county two terms, commencing in 1828. Judge Florence lived to a great old age, 96 years, dying at his home near Darbyville, in 1870.

Elias Florence received a common-school education, such as the neighborhood in his boyhood afforded. He started in life as a farmer and became largely engaged in cattle feeding, driving them to New York and Philadelphia markets. At his hospitable home, he entertained royally and his friends were legion. From 1820 to 1837, he was colonel of a regiment of the State militia. In 1829 and 1830, Colonel Florence was elected Representative in the General Assembly; was again elected in 1834; in 1835 was elected to the State Senate, and in 1840 was returned as Representative; in 1842, was elected to Congress, defeating the Democratic candidate, William Medill, of Fairfield County, who was afterward Governor of Ohio. Colonel Florence was defeated for re-election to Congress in 1844 and retired from official position until 1850 when he was chosen to represent the county in the convention, which formed the State Constitution of 1851. On March 26, 1818, Colonel Florence married Elizabeth Radcliffe, of Kentucky. They had eight children, all of whom he survived, except his daughter, Mrs. Mary Scott. He survived his wife many years, dying in 1881.

The kindness of Colonel Florence in as-

sisting others financially, by going security for large amounts, wrecked his handsome estate years before his death.

THOMAS J. WINSHIP was one of the men of prominence and force, politically and in every way, in Pickaway County in the '30's and '40's. He was the son of Winn Winship, who came from Virginia to Chillicothe, Ohio, about 1800, when Thomas was an infant. He there grew to manhood and studied medicine, afterwards locating on a farm near Leistville, Pickaway County, where for many years he gave his attention to farming and stock breeding. He was one of the most popular men in the county; was elected Representative in the General Assembly, as a Democrat, in 1835, 1836 and 1838. In 1835 the county was entitled to two Representatives, and Mr. Winship defeated William B. Thrall, then editor of the *Circleville Herald*, the Whig paper. Samuel Lutz (Whig) was elected as Mr. Winship's colleague, both members elected residing in Salt Creek township. The election of Mr. Winship as Representative, in 1836, gave the Democrats the majority of the Legislature in joint session, and elected William Allen to the United States Senate, the first time, by one vote. In 1845 Mr. Winship was appointed by President Polk, to be register of the U. S. Land Office, at Chillicothe, which he held for some years. In 1854, he moved to Jackson County, Missouri, dying at Independence, the old county seat, August 3, 1876, in his 78th year. He was a gentleman of the old school, and of varied acquirements.

His son, Edwin E. Winship, has been a well-known resident of Circleville since 1863; served as county auditor from 1870 to 1875; as cashier of the Sergeant-at-Arms' office, of the House of Representatives, at Washington, D. C., from December, 1875, for six years; was cashier of the Second National Bank of Circleville over 15 years; and is now a member (and clerk) of the Board of Education of the city of Circleville and one of the trustees of the Pickaway County Children's Home.



WILLIAM INGHAM WOOD, one of the most progressive and widely known farmers and stockmen of the county, was born on the "Woodland Farm," near Williamsport, in 1854, and is a son of George and Hannah (Ingham) Wood, who came there from Chillicothe.

After being educated at the Williamsport school and the Greenway Institute, at Springfield, Ohio, William began his active life as a farmer, soon having the management of nearly 1,800 acres of choice farming land. In a few years he also commenced the breeding of Shorthorn and Galloway cattle, concentrating his efforts after some years in the formation of a herd of Shorthorns. He has succeeded in securing one of the best herds in the country, having the purest strains of the thoroughbred, including importations from the herd of the famous Shorthorn breeder, William Duthie, of Scotland. Mr. Wood has had eight annual sales, held in May, at each of which he has disposed of a large number of choice animals at good prices, to stockmen from every section of the county. He has also been very successful in obtaining premiums when exhibiting his prize cattle at State, district and county fairs.

Mr. Wood and his sister, Mary M. Wood, who was married to Joseph A. Shoedinger, of Columbus, on the 26th of April last, inherited from their deceased parents 1,600 acres of the finest land in the county, which they amicably divided into equal parts nearly six months ago, Mr. Wood getting the part on which is the old Wood home. He was married on the 6th of June, 1906, to Mrs. Martha A. Hulse, of Jackson township.



LIEUT.-COL. WILLIS WITTICH, U. S. Army, retired, is the son of G. F. and Henrietta (Keffer) Wittich, born at Circleville, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1853. He was appointed, in the spring of 1870, by Hon. P. Van Trump, Member of Congress from the 12th Ohio District, to a cadetship in the U. S. Military Academy at West

Point, having graduated from the Circleville High School in March of that year. He passed the required examination for admission to the Military Academy and entered upon the four-years' course, graduating in June, 1874, and receiving the commission of 2nd lieutenant. He was assigned to the 21st Infantry, Company F, then stationed at Fort Klamath, Oregon, and was on duty there and at other forts in the Western and Pacific States until 1892. In 1879 was promoted to 1st lieutenant of Company B, and on July 18, 1890, was promoted to captain.

On September 20, 1892, Captain Wittich left Fort Randall, South Dakota, having been assigned to recruiting service in New York City. From 1895 to 1898 he was stationed at Plattsburg Barracks, New York. On April 18, 1898, started with the regiment for Tampa, Florida, and sailed from there June 14th for Cuba; he was in the battle near Santiago on July 3rd, in which his regiment (the 21st) had 6 killed and 33 wounded. The regiment sailed for the United States on August 12th and arrived at Plattsburg Barracks, New York, September 15th. He remained there until July 14, 1899, when he was ordered to proceed to San Francisco, California, and thence to Manila to join the 21st Regiment. He sailed from San Francisco, August 10th, on the "Morgan City," which struck a reef near the Island of Inoshima, Japan, at three o'clock a. m., September 3rd. On the ship were 675 recruits under command of Major Wittich. In the afternoon the ship slid off the steep beach into deep water and proceeded on the way with all safe on board, arriving at Nagasaki, Japan, September 10th; four days later they sailed on the "Ohio," for Manila, arriving there on the 17th.

Major Wittich was in active service at points in the Philippines until June 13, 1900, when he was stricken with serious illness. On June 23rd he was given sick leave, being sent to San Francisco, where he arrived July 22nd. He was in the military hospital in that city until he was able to travel, being sent on September 11th to Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island, where he remained until May, 1902. He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, May 5, 1902. His health not improving, he was

retired on November 28, 1902. He is now living at Plattsburg, New York. He was married, on June 27, 1876, to Lillian Mearns, of Highland Falls, New York.

JAMES R. HULSE was one of the early settlers in Jackson township, coming here from Orange County, New York, about 1810 or 1811, and on the 17th of May, 1812, marrying Rebecca Van Meter, of the neighborhood. An energetic, industrious man, he was successful in farming and stock-raising, accumulating one of the largest properties in the county, owning at the time of his death, several thousand acres of land. It was written of him, that "as a man he was intelligent, quiet and upright in all his dealings, a man of decisive character, and sound judgment; few men ever possessed better business capacities; system, prudence and great care characterized all of his acts." Mr. Hulse was a Democrat in politics, and in 1853 was elected to represent the Franklin-Pickaway senatorial district on the Decennial State Board of Equalization. Mr. Hulse left three children by his first wife—Aristeus, Hephzibah and James R. Hulse, and two born to his second wife—Jonas T. and Effie Hulse, all deceased for a number of years. There are eight grandchildren now living.

COL. WILLIAM MARSHALL ANDERSON was a widely known and greatly esteemed citizen of Pickaway County from 1853 until his death, January 7, 1881. He belonged to a historic family, distinguished in the country and especially in the West.

His father, Col. Richard Clough Anderson, a native of Hanover County, Virginia, served with great gallantry in the Revolutionary War, and came out with the rank of colonel. In 1783 he was chosen by his brother officers and appointed by the Virginia Legislature, surveyor-general of the lands reserved for the Virginia continental line, and known as

the Virginia Military District, which position he held until his death in 1826, at the age of 76 years. He was a member of the first electoral college in Kentucky, at the time of Washington's second election, and several times a member of the Kentucky Legislature. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Clark, a sister of Gen. George Rogers Clark, who was conspicuously prominent in the conquest and settlement of the States of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, and a famous Indian fighter. By this wife he had five children, of whom one was Richard Clough Anderson, one of the most brilliant men Kentucky ever produced, serving in the Legislature, in Congress from 1817 to 1821, and as United States Minister to Bogota, where he died in 1826. His second wife was Sarah Marshall, of the illustrious Marshall family of Virginia and Kentucky, by whom he had 12 children, eight of whom were as follows: Mrs. Maria Latham, of Cincinnati, the wife of the late Allen Latham, formerly a resident of Chillicothe; Larz Anderson, of Cincinnati, who died in 1878; Gen. Robert Anderson, who was in command of Fort Sumter, when the Civil War began; William Marshall Anderson; Mrs. Judge Hall, who resided near Cincinnati; John Anderson, who was sheriff of Ross County, deceased in 1863; Charles Anderson, who was elected Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio in 1863, and was Governor for the unexpired term of Governor John Brough, who died in the summer of 1865, afterwards residing at Eddyville, Kentucky, where he died some years ago; and Mrs. Sarah J. Kendrick, of Cincinnati, also long since deceased.

William Marshall Anderson was born at a place known as "Soldiers' Retreat," in Jefferson County, Kentucky, near Louisville, June 24, 1807. When a boy he came with his sister, Mrs. Latham, to Chillicothe, where he attended school, one of his schoolmates being the late Governor William Allen. Returning to Kentucky, he received a classical education at the Transylvania University, at Lexington, subsequently studied law, was admitted to the bar, and for a few years practiced with his brother Larz, in Louisville. In 1834, his health becoming impaired, he made a tour to the

Rocky Mountains, with Lieutenant Sublett, of St. Louis. He was married to Eliza A. McArthur, daughter of Governor Duncan McArthur, of Chillicothe, February 16, 1835. After a year's residence at Louisville, Kentucky, they removed to Chillicothe and Governor McArthur's health having broken down, Colonel Anderson managed his affairs until Governor McArthur's death three years thereafter. Their home was at "Glen Mary," adjacent to Chillicothe, until 1853, when they came to Circleville, and a year or more thereafter removed to the "Seven Oaks Farm" in Wayne township, Pickaway County, their portion of the McArthur estate, where Mrs. Anderson died September 2, 1855. She was the mother of 10 children, three of whom are now living: Gen. Thomas M. Anderson, U. S. A., retired, who commanded the first army corps sent to the Philippines; Lieut.-Col. Harry R. Anderson and Dr. Charles Anderson, of Santa Barbara, California. Colonel Anderson's second wife was Ellen C. Ryan, of Urbana, Ohio, who died in New York City, in May, 1898, leaving one son, Robert M. Anderson, who is an expert civil engineer in New York City.

In the spring of 1865, Colonel Anderson made a trip to Mexico, and remained there two years during the reign of Maximilian. He made a scientific tour of part of the country, had many perilous adventures, narrowly escaped the Mexican assassin, and on his journey home was seized with yellow fever, which came near resulting fatally. During his absence his family removed to Circleville, where they resided at the time of his death.

The profession of law was not congenial to Colonel Anderson and he abandoned it for other pursuits. He was literary in his tastes, an accomplished scholar, a great reader, conversant with the best authors, a good linguist, speaking the French and Spanish languages fluently, and possessed one of the best selected private libraries in the country, comprising many rare works. He was an art connoisseur, and an antiquarian, with a choice collection of relics, curiosities and minerals. He was a great lover of the beautiful in nature, familiar with ornithology, botany, horticulture and floriculture. He was an enthusiastic admirer of the

high-bred horse, and for several years was a breeder of thoroughbreds. He was perfectly versed in the pedigrees and performances of noted horses, was an accepted authority upon such matters and a frequent contributor to stock and turf journals. He engaged in the business of farming for more than 25 years, having life tenure in nearly 1,100 acres of land in Wayne township, which became the inheritance of his first wife's children. He also had a large farm near Portsmouth, Ohio.

Colonel Anderson was never ambitious for political preferment, and refused positions of importance, only once consenting to be a candidate for a political office—for State Senator in the Ross district, when there was no chance of election. He served as surveyor-general for a while after the death of his father. He was a member and president of the Board of Education of Circleville, from 1867 to 1870, and 1874 to 1876, in which capacity he devoted much time and attention, and was greatly interested in the welfare of the schools. He also manifested special interest in the Circleville Public Library, and was one of the managers and president of the board for several years. He favored every necessary improvement for the public good, and aided as far as was in his power all projects for the advancement of the community. The title of colonel bestowed upon him originated in an appointment on the staff of Governor Breathitt, of Kentucky, in 1832.

Colonel Anderson was converted to the Catholic religion in 1838, and continued earnest and devout in the faith, receiving the final sacraments of the church a few days previous to his death. Politically he was a zealous and unswerving Democrat, of the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian school. He cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson, and his last for Winfield Scott Hancock, in 1880.

William Marshall Anderson was a polished, chivalrous gentleman at all times and places, and in his domestic and social relations was kind, hospitable and generous. He was a man of strict integrity, open, frank and true, and lived a blameless life. He was a genial companion, a charming conversationalist, possessed of a vast fund of information on all subjects,

rich in reminiscences and anecdotes, and always entertaining. Affable and pleasant to every one, high or low, whether child or adult, he enjoyed the respect and esteem of an unlimited number of friends and acquaintances, and his death was sincerely lamented by all.



COMMANDER BURNS T. WALLING, U. S. Navy, was born at Coshocton, Ohio, February 4, 1855, the son of Ansel T. and Sarah E. Walling. His parents located in Circleville in 1863.

He was appointed a cadet-midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, by Hon. Philadelph Van Trump, of Lancaster, Ohio, then representing the 12th Ohio Congressional District, and entered the Naval Academy on June 5, 1872, returning temporarily to graduate from the Circleville High School on June 20th of that year. In June, 1876, he was graduated as midshipman from the Naval Academy, standing fourth in a class of 42.

In December, 1876, Midshipman Walling joined the U. S. S. "Vandalia," stationed in the Mediterranean, and remained attached to that vessel until she was put out of commission at Boston in January, 1879, having been in the meanwhile promoted to the grade of ensign in September, 1877.

In June, 1879, Ensign Walling joined the U. S. S. "Powhatan," flagship of the North Atlantic Squadron, and remained on duty on board that vessel until June, 1881. In November, 1881, he joined the U. S. S. "Ranger," Pacific Station, and assisted in the survey of the Pacific Coast of Mexico and Central America, between Mazatlan and Panama, until September, 1884, when he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

In February, 1885, Lieutenant Walling joined the U. S. receiving ship "Vermont," at the New York Navy Yard, for recruiting duty and remained until the end of March, 1886. Early in April, 1886, he joined the U. S. coast survey schooner "Scoresby" as senior assistant, for the survey of natural oyster beds, and instruction in oyster culture, for the State of

North Carolina. In the September following he joined the U. S. S. "Essex," which ship proceeded to the China Station *via* the Suez Canal. He remained on duty on board the "Essex" until June, 1887, when he joined the U. S. S. "Brooklyn," flagship of the China Station, remaining on duty on that vessel until August, 1888, when he was transferred back to the "Essex," arriving *via* the Suez Canal at New York in April, 1889. In August, 1889, he was again ordered to recruiting duty on board the "Vermont," at the New York Navy Yard, but was detached in the December following and ordered as one of the instructors in the department of physics and chemistry at the U. S. Naval Academy, remaining as such until September, 1892, at which time he was ordered as a member of the class for instruction at the U. S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. In March, 1890, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

In December, 1892, Lieutenant Walling joined the U. S. S. "Kearsarge" (which fought the famous battle with the Confederate cruiser "Alabama" off Cherbourg, France, in 1864), and in July, 1893, was a member of the class for automobile torpedo instruction at Newport, rejoining the ship in August. On the 2nd of February, 1894, Lieutenant Walling was wrecked with 202 others, including the admiral commanding the North Atlantic Station, in the "Kearsarge," on Roncador Reef, in the western part of the Caribbean Sea. In April following he joined the U. S. S. "Atlanta," on the North Atlantic Station, remaining on that duty until the ship was placed out of commission in September, 1895. In November, 1895, he joined the U. S. receiving ship "Vermont," for recruiting duty, being detached, in September, 1896, for duty as electrical assistant in the equipment department of the New York Navy Yard.

In September, 1897, Lieutenant Walling was ordered as navigator of the U. S. S. "Wheeling" on the Pacific Station, but was detached to hospital in April, 1898, after spending the winter on duty with the "Wheeling" in Alaskan waters. In September, 1898, he returned to the New York Navy Yard as electrical assistant in the equipment department.

Lieutenant Walling was promoted to lieutenant commander in March, 1899, and in the June following took a detachment of officers and men on board the U. S. transport "Solace", for duty in the Philippines. On arriving at Manila, in August, he was sent to Hong Kong, China, by the commander-in-chief of the Asiatic Station, as inspector of ordnance and equipment for the reconstruction of the three gunboats raised by Admiral Dewey, after the battle at Manila Bay. He was ordered to the U. S. Naval Station, Cavite, Philippine Islands, in March, 1900, to organize the equipment department of that station, construct shops, etc. In June, 1901, he joined the U. S. S. "Albany," as executive officer, for duty in the Mediterranean, and returned to the United States in July, 1902. In August of that year he was ordered as general assistant in the equipment department of the New York Navy Yard. In May, 1904, he was ordered as commandant of the U. S. Naval Station, Culebra, Puerto Rico, and as commanding officer of the U. S. S. "Gloucester" and U. S. S. "Alliance." In December, 1905, he was promoted to the grade of commander.

In December, 1906, Commander Walling was ordered as equipment officer of the New York Navy Yard, and as general inspector for the Bureau of Equipment (Navy Department, Washington), for vessels building at private shipyards on the Atlantic Coast, which duty he is now performing.

Commander Walling was married on October 27, 1892, to Wilhelmina Boyd, daughter of the late Captain Boyd, U. S. Navy, at Grace Church, Brooklyn, New York. They have one daughter, Grace, aged 12 years.

JACOB ARTHUR MARBURGER,* an enterprising citizen of the county, residing at Commercial Point, was born in Amanda township, Fairfield County, Ohio, November 21, 1867. He is a son of Gideon Lee and Louisa (Grosh) Marburger.

The ancestors of Mr. Marburger, on both sides of the family, were of German descent

and pioneers of Pennsylvania and Ohio. George L. Marburger, the paternal grandfather, was a native of the Keystone State. He removed in 1838 to Amanda township, Fairfield County, Ohio, engaged in farming and died on his estate in 1900, at the remarkable age of 101 years, 6 months and 2 days. His wife, who was a Britinghouse, died when our subject was a boy. The maternal grandfather was born in Maryland and came to Ohio in the early '40's; he died in 1874 at the age of 93 years. He was also a life-long farmer, so that the immediate ancestry of our subject is not only of yeoman, but of long-lived stock.

Gideon Lee Marburger was born January 31, 1831, and is still living at the age of 75 years. The active years of his life were spent in farming and contracting. He operated stone quarries and built not a few of the bridges in Fairfield County. His wife, the mother of our subject, died in March, 1889, when 58 years of age. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Lee Marburger, of whom two, besides the subject of this sketch, are living. Marion is the father of a family and resides with his father in Amanda township, Fairfield County. Doretta Catherine, wife of George W. Bowers, lives on part of the estate of the grandfather, also in Amanda township.

Jacob A. Marburger received his early education in the township schools and in 1887, when 19 years of age, entered the Ohio Normal University, at Ada. In the fall of that year he commenced teaching at the Darby Educational Institute, in Scioto township, and remained thus employed for three years, in the meantime continuing a scientific course at Ada. After leaving college in 1890, he taught for a year in Jackson township, this county, near Robtown, and in the fall of 1892 located at Commercial Point, where for two years he held the principalship of the special school district. Later he was appointed principal of the High School, continuing in that position until the fall of 1901. Since the latter year Mr. Marburger has spent about a year in the interest of the Columbian Building and Loan Associa-

tion and taught the Derby High School in 1903. At the present time he is in the employ of the American Book Company, of Cincinnati.

As indicative of his standing in the educational world, it may be stated that the State Board of Examiners for Teachers, in June, 1895, granted Mr. Marburger a life certificate, and that in August, 1897, Probate Judge Van Cleaf appointed him a county school examiner. He was reappointed at the expiration of his term, in 1900, and served to September, 1903. For three years of the six, he served as president of the board.

Mr. Marburger has also been an active, honest and high minded leader in the Democratic politics of both the township and the county. He has repeatedly served as a delegate to the county convention and in 1897 was a representative to the State convention. For a number of terms he has been on the central and executive committees of the county, and in 1905 served as chairman of the central body.

On October 13, 1892, our subject was united in marriage to Nora L. Beavers, daughter of Peter and Olive (Kepler) Beavers, of Scioto township, where both Mrs. Marburger and her parents were born and reared. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marburger, viz.: Ralph Emerson, Mabel (deceased in infancy), Helena, Bertrand, Irene and Olive Louisa.



WILLIAM H. KLINGENSMITH,* president of the Board of Infirmary Directors of Pickaway County, was born in Washington township, Pickaway County, in 1866, and is a son of Z. F. Klingensmith.

The father of Mr. Klingensmith was born in Pennsylvania, but has been a resident of Pickaway County for a half century, being well known as a prominent citizen of Washington township. He is still interested in local political matters. In earlier years he served as school director and as trustee of his township. His present residence is Circleville.

William H. Klingensmith was reared and

educated in Pickaway County. After his education was completed, he began to deal in timber and this has been his main business ever since. He buys timber tracts, from which he removes and sells the timber, having most of the work done by contract. Probably no man in the country is better posted on the condition and value of timber than is Mr. Klingensmith. He owns a fine tract of 20 acres in the outskirts of Circleville, for which he paid \$200 per acre, when it was in an unimproved condition. This land is now of great value, Mr. Klingensmith having developed it and erected modern buildings.

In 1887 Mr. Klingensmith was married to Ida Bowman, who is a daughter of W. S. Bowman, who was formerly a county official. Mr. and Mrs. Klingensmith have two children, viz.: Merl, a lineman for the Citizens' Telephone Company; and Mason, a student in the Circleville High School.

Mr. Klingensmith has always been a Democrat and for years past he has been a very influential one in his part of the county. He has been a member of the Democratic County Central Committee, a member of the Board of Education of Circleville township and for a number of years he has been a member of the Board of Infirmary Directors. He served four years as its secretary and is now its president. Fraternally, Mr. Klingensmith is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is one of the enterprising and representative men of Circleville.

JOHN C. WRIGHT,* whose fine farm and attractive rural home are located in section 18, Madison township, is considered one of the representative citizens of his locality. He was born in this township, April 4, 1841, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Platter) Wright.

Joseph Wright, who was born in Ireland, came to America in young manhood, locating in Ross County, Ohio, where he married Sarah Platter, who was born in Kentucky, but

was reared in Ross County. They moved to Adams County, Ohio, and then settled at Sinking Springs, where Mr. Wright engaged in a mercantile business and was also proprietor of a stage line, from Chillicothe to Marietta, which did a large business before the advent of the railroads. Subsequently he came to Madison township, Pickaway County and settled on the farm now owned by our subject. He was one of the pioneers and lived out the rest of his days here, dying on March 3, 1871, in his 79th year. His wife passed away on June 29, 1864, aged 70 years. In politics he was a Republican, having been a strong Whig in his earlier years. At one time he served as township clerk and at all times was a good citizen. His surviving children are: Mary A., widow of Jonathan Hay, residing at Ashville; Sarah J., who resides with our subject; William, of Ashville; Joseph P., of Ashville; Andrew, of Montgomery County, Kansas; and John C.

John C. Wright was reared in Madison township and obtained his early education in the local schools and later enjoyed a term at the Lithopolis High School. He has always been interested in farming and owns a valuable property on which, in 1892, he erected his present substantial and comfortable home.

Mr. Wright was married November 19, 1879, to Julia A. Kerns, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, April 8, 1848, and is a daughter of George and Mary (Stucky) Kerns. Her father was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and was a son of Jacob Kerns, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the early settlers of Fairfield County. Mrs. Wright has one surviving sister—Sarah A., widow of Isaiah Doner, formerly of Fairfield County, but now a resident of Madison township.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have three children, namely: Bertha L., wife of Clarence B. Noecker, of Walnut township; and George K. and William W., both living at home.

Mr. Wright and wife belong to the Lutheran Church at Lithopolis, of which he is a trustee. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to Hamilton Grange, No. 436, Patrons of Husbandry, at Groveport, Ohio.



LINTON ELMER NEWTON,* a well-known business man of Circleville, a member of E. W. Newton & Company, extensive flour, grain and feed dealers, was born in 1873 in Walnut township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Edwin Newton.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Newton was John D. Newton, who was a native of Virginia. He came to Pickaway County from his native State on horseback, before highways had been cut or streams bridged. The father of our subject, Edwin Newton, is one of the prominent and substantial farmers of Walnut township.

Clinton Elmer Newton was reared in Walnut township and obtained his education in his native State, first in the local schools and later

at the Ohio Normal University at Ada. His first business venture was in the insurance line but later he became interested in the grain and mill business, becoming connected with the Crites Milling Company in 1895 and becoming a member of the firm in 1901. Lately the firm of E. W. Newton & Company was formed.

In 1895 Mr. Newton was married to Tillie Ann Crites, who is a daughter of George Crites, a capitalist of Pickaway County. They have two children—Edith Florence and Anna Mae.

Mr. Newton is recognized as one of the able business men of Circleville and at the same time he possesses personal qualities which make him a very popular citizen. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

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